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All Linen Towels	5 to 25c

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EAGAN SCORES MILES

Chief of Commissary Creates a Sensation.

HE CALLS THE GENERAL A LIAR.

Statement Was Carefully Prepared and Reduced to Writing, and His Harsh Accusations Were Not the Result of Hasty Passion.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Commissary General Charles P. Eagan yesterday reappeared before the war investigation commission to answer the charges of General Nelson A. Miles concerning the commissary supplies furnished the army during the recent war. General Eagan's statement furnished the sensation of the war commission's history and was regarded by old army officers as one of the most remarkable attacks ever made in the history of the service. General Eagan's statement to the commission was a bitter personal attack upon General Miles, so entirely unqualified both as to scope and language that the war commission on hearing its conclusion ordered a brief executive session, after which the doors were reopened, the witness was recalled and business resumed in the usual way.

The subject in dispute was General Miles' already famous "embalmed beef" testimony and the letters and documents supporting it. General Miles had charged that the canned and refrigerated meats sent to the army in Cuba and Porto Rico were unfit for use, that they were preserved by the use of chemicals and that they had been "bought and sent to the army under pretense of an experiment." This reflection upon both the ability and honesty of the commissary department had angered General Eagan and caused him to request to be recalled to reply to General Miles' charges. That his statements concerning the commanding general were not the result of a sudden outburst of passion was clearly shown by the fact that General Eagan read his testimony from a carefully prepared paper.

General Eagan, referring to newspaper attacks, asserted that the secretary of war had nothing whatsoever to do with the furnishing of refrigerated meats or tinned meats, nor had he attempted to control the contracts, awards or purchases, and in this connection in heated language he attacked three New York newspapers and their editors and proprietors, who, he said, should be indicted and tried for treason to the United States during this war as giving aid, comfort and information to the public enemy for the sole purpose of gain.

"Were I a man of wealth or means," he asserted, "I would take this subject up myself. I would put journalistic knaves, purloiners of the secrets of the government, behind the bars, where they belong."

General Eagan made a vigorous attack on the inspector general's department in connection with this investigation. He asked why were not these inspections made while the armies were in the field; where were the officers of this department? and said the principal officers of this department took other positions and let the inspections of the army, which were never needed so much as during the war, go, so far as they were concerned, for personal aggrandisement, as we know they took volunteer rank with increased pay, and now at this late day we find this department suddenly endeavoring to get ex parte views of people in a manner not authorized by the secretary of war—the proper authority—about things that are passed.

General Eagan went on to say that the assertions of General Miles and himself were directly at variance, and that if the commanding general could prove his statements, then the commissary general should be dismissed from the army; and if, on the other hand, his own assertions were proved to be correct, then General Miles should be dismissed from the army in disgrace.

Referring to the remark that the refrigerated beef furnished the troops was embalmed beef, General Eagan exclaimed: "Any person who calls this beef embalmed beef lies and perpetrates a scandalous libel. I have observed it said that 190,000 pounds of beef were condemned in Porto Rico. I do not know that General Miles said this, but I characterize the statement as a falsehood. It is not right or proper that I should consult General Miles about the army ration. That is governed by laws made by congress."

General Eagan became excited as he referred to General Miles, and the tears came into his eyes when he remarked regarding the statement of General Miles that canned meat was furnished for experiment:

"He lies! He lies in every hair of his head! He lies willfully, maliciously! If he lies, and I say he does, he should be drummed out of the army and incarcerated in prison. This statement is an absolute falsehood, a gross libel, and he should be held to account for it."

Questioning General Miles' course in submitting briefs of reports from regimental commanders, General Eagan said this course was unprecedented in the history of the army, not within his province nor contemplated by law and regulation, and there would be just as much justice in the president or secretary of war sending out a circular letter inviting criticisms on the conduct of General Miles during this war.

General Eagan said the first intimation of chemical treatment he had had was in General Miles' statement, and it seemed to him "the raving nonsense of a madman" His own (Eagan's) conduct and work had been looked into. He saw no reason why General Miles' conduct and work should not be looked into on this showing, adding, "It is high time and proper this committee should examine into the truth and falsehood of the statements and examine into his conduct of the war."

Further, he said General Miles legally had no control of the purse as he assumed in Porto Rico, nor does the law authorize him to set aside food furnished under the law, but it does determine how to hold accountable the party furnishing improper food. He charged that if Chief Surgeon Daly, with General Miles, had ever made an expert examination of the beef then he willfully and deliberately falsified the facts.

State's Historic Purchase.

ALBANY, Jan. 13.—The state has purchased 33 acres of land on Stony Point peninsula, on the Hudson river, in Rockland county, the scene of "Mad Anthony" Wayne's capture of Stony Point from the British army during the Revolutionary war, for $21,500.

Presents From Cervera.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 13.—A box was received here yesterday by Lieutenant Commander E. K. Moore direct from Madrid. The box was from Admiral Cervera and contained several presents for friends here, including Mr. Moore and Admiral McNair.

WAR IF TROOPS LAND

Aguinaldo Will So Regard Debarkation of Americans.

WILL IMMEDIATELY ATTACK MANILA.

Madrid Sees Difficulties and Says It Will Be Impossible For Our Troops to Penetrate Beyond the Ports With Archipelago In Arms.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—The Hongkong correspondent of The Times says: "The Filipino refugees insist that Aguinaldo will regard a landing of the Americans at Iloilo as a declaration of war and will immediately attack Manila. He has already warned the foreigners, including the Spaniards, of his intention, offering them a safe conduct into the provinces. The American authorities still exercise a strict censorship at Manila over all press messages."

The Manila correspondent of The Morning Post says: "The situation is much quieter. The conference between the representatives of General Otis and Aguinaldo has helped to allay excitement, and the Filipino newspapers are milder in tone. There is hope of a peaceful settlement. The insurgent government is now engaged in considering the preparation of a definite proposition as to what they desire from the United States."

The Hongkong correspondent of The Daily Mail says that 5,000 additional Americans who had embarked for Iloilo have returned to Manila.

Madrid Sees Difficulties.

MADRID, Jan. 13.—Persons who have returned here from the Philippines expatiate upon "the difficulties facing the United States when undertaking to conquer the whole archipelago in arms." They assert that it will be impossible for the Americans to penetrate beyond the ports without an immense army, declaring that the islands are "so impoverished that the Americans will be compelled to obtain provisions elsewhere," and that the climate is much more fatal than the Cuban to Americans.

For Canal Enlargement.

ALBANY, Jan. 13.—Assemblyman Redington will introduce today a bill providing for the enlargement of the canals of the state. The superintendent of public works is empowered to widen the channels of the Erie and Oswego canals to a width of not less than 100 feet at the surface, except through cities and populous villages, where a width of not less than 80 feet shall be provided, and to deepen the same to a depth of not less than nine feet of water throughout their entire length from Albany to Buffalo and from Syracuse to Oswego. He shall also cause to be improved the unimproved sections of the Champlain canal to a width of not less than 44 feet on the bottom and to deepen the said canal to a depth of not less than seven feet of water from its junction with the Erie canal at Watervliet to the lake level at Whitehall.

Chewing Gum Companies Combine.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—A combination of the chewing gum manufacturers of the United States was practically consummated yesterday, when the last contracts necessary to amalgamation were executed in this city. The capital involved in this combination amounts to about $15,000,000, to such proportions has the chewing gum habit grown. The firms which have signed contracts are: Adams & Son's company, Brooklyn; the Beeman Chemical company, Cleveland; O. W. J. White & Sons, Cleveland; J. P. Primley, Chicago; S. T. Britten, Toronto, and the Kiss Me Gum company, Louisville. These constitute all the leading chewing gum manufacturers in the country.

Peace Treaty Discussed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The supporters and opponents of the peace treaty in the senate had their first contest over that document yesterday in executive session. While the debate technically was upon Senator Berry's motion providing for the consideration of the resolution of ratification in open session, the entire question at issue was gone over to a considerable extent. The discussion continued from a few minutes past 1 o'clock until about 5, when the senate adjourned for the day without reaching a vote upon the Berry motion.

Nominations Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The senate yesterday confirmed Addison C. Harris of Indiana as minister to Austria-Hungary, and Charlemagne Tower of Pennsylvania as embassador to Russia; also, Colonel William M. Wherry, Seventeenth infantry, to be brigadier general.

Fierce Fight In Arabia.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 13.—A great battle has been fought in the Yemen division of Arabia The Turkish troops stormed and captured the insurgent position at Shanel on Nov. 30. About 4,000 insurgents and 2,000 Turks were killed or wounded.

Gales Sweep United Kingdom.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—Telegraph communication is interrupted almost everywhere by the heavy gales sweeping over the United Kingdom. Steamers are delayed and the channel service has suffered from the storm.

Grand Trunk Accepts Terms.

MONTPELIER, Vt., Jan. 13.—It is learned here on reliable authority that the Grand Trunk railway has accepted the terms of the Central Vermont railway bill as passed at the recent legislative session. The time for acceptance expires tomorrow.

January Exams. Completed.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Jan. 13.—The January examinations of the corps of cadets are completed, and nine members were found deficient and sent home.

COURT MARTIAL FOR EAGAN.

Action to Be Taken In Regard to Commissary General's Insult.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—The Herald this morning says:

"Brigadier General Charles P. Eagan, commissary general of subsistence of the army, will be court martialed by order of the president for the vituperative language employed by him yesterday before the war investigating commission in his comments upon Major General Miles and the testimony of that officer respecting the character of the beef furnished to the army which invaded Porto Rico.

"The war commission will find in its report to the president that the charges of officers that the beef furnished to the army of invasion of Porto Rico was 'embalmed,' chemically treated and unfit for use are untrue and that the meat supplied was good.

"It is said that President McKinley is seriously considering the advisability of relieving Major General Miles from the command of the army as a result of the beef scandal.

"These were the highly sensational developments yesterday in the meat scandal, which has disrupted the army from its commander in chief down to the lowest private in the service. They are true indications of the state of discipline which prevails throughout the military branch and of the heroic treatment which will have to be administered to bring order out of the existing disgraceful chaotic condition.

"General Eagan has declared for some days past that either he or General Miles would have to be court martialed, and he reiterated yesterday that either he or General Miles should be put out of the army, as either he or General Miles was right.

"General Eagan's wishes will be gratified. He will be court martialed. But it will not be on charges based upon the character of beef supplied to the army. It will be on charges growing out of his vituperation of his superior officer, which may result in dismissal from the service if proved. And, notwithstanding the unpopularity of Major General Miles in administration circles, that officer will not have to lift a hand to secure redress for the outrageous insults which he was compelled to suffer yesterday.

"It is learned that Secretary Alger, immediately upon learning of the character of General Eagan's testimony, verified the reports of the gross language which the commissary general had employed, and it is expected that he will ask the commission to present him with a full copy.

"The commission will not hesitate to comply with his request. Its members were deeply shocked at the vulgarity displayed by the witness, his utter disregard of the traditions of the service and finally his breach of discipline in criticising so disgracefully the conduct of his superior officers."

WILSON FOR YALE'S PRESIDENT.

Not to Take the Position Until Beginning of Next School Year.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Jan. 13.—William L. Wilson will be the next president of Yale university at a salary of $25,000 a year. The board of trustees has not made public its selection of him, but a private letter from Mr. Wilson to Professor R. C. Berkeley of this place gives the information. Mr. Wilson is now president of Washington and Lee university at Lexington, Va., and will not assume his new honor until the next school year

Mr. Wilson represented this (the Second) district in congress for 12 years and is best known for advocacy of the free trade theory, which finally led to his defeat by Congressman Dayton in 1894, after a memorable political battle.

After his defeat for congress he was appointed postmaster general by President Cleveland, and after the expiration of his term in that office he was elected to the presidency of Washington and Lee university.

William Lyne Wilson was born at Middleway, W. Va., on May 3, 1843. He was educated at Columbia college, Washington, where he was graduated in 1860 He then entered the University of Virginia, but left it at the outbreak of the civil war to serve in the Confederate army.

The Story Denied.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 13.—Charles R. Palmer, a member of Yale corporation, positively denies the story that William L. Wilson has been chosen for Yale. He declares that the corporation has absolutely done nothing about filling the vacancy in the Yale presidency.

Woman Suffragists See the Governor.

ALBANY, Jan. 13.—A delegation of prominent woman suffragists came here yesterday to confer with the governor and leading members of the legislature concerning a measure which they propose to present later for the extension of the suffrage The delegation was composed of Mrs. Mariana W. Chapman of Brooklyn, president of the New York State Woman's Suffrage association; Mrs Mary H. Laine, chairman of the legislative committee; Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake, president of the New York County Woman's Suffrage league; Miss Harriet May Mills of Syracuse, state organizer and lecturer, and Mrs. Mary F. Matheson of Albany.

Self Government For Islands.

BOSTON, Jan. 13.—Mr. Mills of Newburyport has filed with the clerk of the Massachusetts house of representatives a resolution calling for the ratification of the treaty with Spain by the United States senate, but demanding that immediately thereafter self government shall be secured to Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines.

State Charities Board Appointment.

ALBANY, Jan. 13.—Governor Roosevelt yesterday appointed John Nottman of Brooklyn as a member of the state board of charities in place of Tunis G. Bergen, whose term of office has expired. He is a member of the law firm of Butler, Nottman, Joline & Mynders, 54 Wall street, New York city

DEPEW FOR SENATOR

Unanimous Choice of the Republicans at Albany.

JOINT SESSION NEXT TUESDAY.

The Talented Lawyer, Brilliant Orator and Successful Railroad President Will Succeed Mr. Murphy In the United States Senate.

ALBANY, Jan. 13.—Hon. Chauncey M. Depew was last night named as the unanimous choice of the Republican party as represented in senate and assembly for United States senator at a joint caucus held in the assembly chamber.

The caucus was presided over by Senator Hobart Krum, and Senator D. F. Davis and Assemblymen Charles Adler and Richard Gardner were the secretaries. The only absentees were Senators Coggeshall and White and Assemblymen Apgar, Fancher and Sprague.

CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW.

The three assemblymen, it was explained, had been excused on account of illness.

The election will take place in each house next Tuesday, and on Wednesday both houses will meet in joint session to declare the result.

Chauncey Mitchell Depew, chairman of the board of directors of the Vanderbilt systems of railroads, was born in Peekskill N. Y., April 23, 1834. Mr. Depew's boyhood was spent in his native village, and there he was prepared for college.

At the age of 18 Mr. Depew entered Yale college, and in 1856 was graduated with one of the first honors of his class. On June 23 1887, the degree of LL. D. was conferred upon him by Yale. The year of his graduation was signalized in a political way by the organization of the Republican party, and his first vote for president of the United States was cast for John C. Fremont. Although of Democratic antecedents, his early interest in politics led him to prompt affiliation with the new party.

Mr. Depew was admitted to the bar in 1858, and in that year he was elected a delegate to the Republican state convention. In 1860 he took the stump for Abraham Lincoln for president, and during the campaign addressed many large and enthusiastic audiences in the Ninth Congressional district and in other parts of the state in which he was best known

In 1861 Mr. Depew was nominated for the assembly in the Third Westchester county district, and, although the Democratic party largely in the ascendant in the county and hopeful of the district, he was elected by a majority of 259. He was re-elected in 1862, and his name was prominently associated with the speakership. He was made chairman of the committee on ways and means and was part of the time during the session speaker pro tem.

In 1863 Mr. Depew was nominated by the Republican party as a candidate for secretary of state, and the campaign was an exciting one from its inception to its close. Mr. Depew was elected by a majority of 30 000 Upon the expiration of his term he was tendered a renomination by his party, but he declined. During the Andrew Johnson administration the secretary of state, William H Seward, appointed Mr. Depew United States minister to Japan, and he was confirmed by the senate, and for a time he was disposed to accept, but after holding his commission for four weeks Mr Depew declined the office, with the evident determination to withdraw from political life. He had already won the attention of Commodore Vanderbilt and the warm friendship of his eldest son, William H. Vanderbilt. In 1866 Mr. Depew was appointed the attorney for the New York and Harlem Railroad company, and in 1869, when this company and the New York Central were consolidated and became the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad company, with Commodore Vanderbilt at its head, Mr. Depew was made the attorney of the new organization and was afterward elected a member of its board of directors. In 1875 he was promoted to be general counsel for the entire Vanderbilt system and elected to a directorship in each of the lines consolidated in it.

In 1872 Mr. Depew was the candidate for lieutenant governor on the Liberal Republican, or Greeley, ticket, but his party was unsuccessful, and he shared its fate, but acted with the Republican party the next year and has canvassed the state and country for the party every year since 1872.

In the struggle for the United States senatorship from New York in 1881 Mr. Depew on the nineteenth ballot lacked but ten votes of an election, and on the thirty-fourth this record was repeated, and other ballots carried him very near to the goal.

In 1885 the Republicans of all factions in the legislature, being in a majority of nearly two-thirds, tendered the United States senatorship to Mr. Depew, but he had become committed to so many business and professional trusts that he felt compelled to decline the honor.

In 1882 William H. Vanderbilt retired from the presidency of the New York Central, and the management was reorganized. Mr. James H. Rutter was made president and Mr. Depew second vice president. Upon the death of Mr. Rutter in 1885 Mr. Depew was elevated to the presidency, and he held this office until April 27, 1898, when he was made chairman of the board of directors of the entire Vanderbilt system of railroads. He is also a director in a large number of other important corporations.

At the national Republican convention of 1888 Mr. Depew was a candidate for the presidential nomination and received the solid vote of the state of New York, and on one ballot 99 votes were cast for him.

Mr. Depew was delegate at large from the state of New York to the national Republican convention at Minneapolis in 1892, and he was selected to present the name of President Harrison. He was also a delegate at large in 1896 and selected by the New York delegation to present the name of Governor Morton for the presidency.

Mr. Depew was for seven years president of the Union League club of New York, a term longer by several years than this distinguished position has been held by any other. On declining further election he was made an honorary life member. He was for ten years in succession elected president of the Yale Alumni association. Having ended a decade of service, he declined a re-election and was made an honorary member.

Mr. Depew was married to Elise Hegeman on the 9th of November, 1871, and has one child, a son. Mrs. Depew died on May 7, 1893.

GENERAL BROOKE'S CABINET.

Cubans Will Be Prepared For Self Government as Soon as Possible.

HAVANA, Jan. 13.—Governor General Brooke has been carefully considering the formation of a cabinet of civil advisers and has decided to have four secretaries—the first of state and government, the second of finance, the third of justice and public instruction and the fourth of agriculture, industry, commerce and public works. Only prominent residents of the island will be invited to join the cabinet.

Yesterday the governor general received acceptances from two, whose names are reserved until all four can be announced. One of the other two may be a Spaniard, though it is probable that all four will be Cubans. They will be experts in the various departments regarding which they will advise.

The executive control, of course, will remain entirely in the hands of General Brooke, the secretaries being to him a council of administration. Under his direction the various departments will be conducted on the broad principles of wise and honest government carried out into details. In this way the Cubans will be prepared for self government. General Brooke will proceed entirely upon the theory of ultimate self government. Such Americans here and such Cubans as believe in an eventual annexation regard it as happily possible only under self government as free, at a later period, as exists in any state of the American Union.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

The Pennsylvania Democrats nominated George A. Jenks for United States senator.

General Gomez is being feted all over Cuba. He is surprised at not being invited to Havana.

Fire in Bridgewater, N. S., destroyed 30 business houses and cut off telegraphic communication.

Late news from Samoa is that no king was elected and war was probable between the rival claimants.

Representative Dingley was reported better, and his physician was confident that his patient would recover.

Brigadier General Clous, the last member of the evacuation commission to leave Cuba, has returned from Havana.

Forty-three Republican members of the Pennsylvania legislature attended an anti-Quay conference at Harrisburg yesterday.

Phenomenal Bank Statement.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Charles G. Dawes, comptroller of the currency, in commenting upon the abstract of reports of national banks under the call of Dec. 1, 1898, said that it was the most notable statement made in the history of the national banking system. The reports show a large increase over the reports of Sept. 20, 1898, the date of the preceding call. The total of the resources of Sept. 20, 1898, was $4,003,511,044, which was the largest sum reached in the history of the system up to that time. The total resources shown by the reports of Dec. 1, 1898, were $4,313,394,519, an increase in resources over the showing of Sept. 20, 1898, of $309,883,474. The cash in banks shows an increase, while notes and bills rediscounted and bills payable show a decrease as compared with the September statement.

The Governor's Reception.

ALBANY, Jan. 13.—Governor and Mrs. Roosevelt have decided upon Thursday, Jan. 26, as the date for the reception to the members of the legislature and judiciary. Mrs. Roosevelt will be at home the last two Wednesdays of January and the first two of February from 4 until 6 o'clock.

To Invite McKinley.

PROVIDENCE, Jan. 13.—Colonel J. Webster Knight and Lewis Pierce, a committee of the Providence board of trade, have gone to Washington for the purpose of inviting President McKinley, Secretary of the Navy Long and Senator Frye to attend the annual banquet of the board.

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A NEGRO BAPTIZING.

What a Man from the North Saw at Chattanooga.

Impressive Ceremony Conducted by an Impressive Preacher Almost Ends in a Tragedy—Life Preservers Used to Advantage.

Hearing that there was to be a "big baptizin'" at the steamboat landing at Chattanooga one Sunday, the gentleman from the north decided to add a chapter to his recently acquired knowledge of the colored people.

The baptizing, says the Cincinnati Commercial, was not a preeminent success, but he saw an immersion upon an unexpectedly large scale.

Having edged his way through an expectant crowd of thousands, under the guidance of influential friends and a policeman, to a position of vantage for sightseeing, he was somewhat surprised to see Parson George Washington Johnson, Col. Carter's coachman, standing in the water nearly up to his armpits, and holding the shivering form of a colored sister while he made a few preliminary remarks.

He was standing just astern of a stern-wheel steamer which was securely fastened at the landing. Some enterprising brothers, in order to have a better view, had slipped a plank through between the paddles in the wheel, resting the ends upon the arms so that the wheel could not turn. The paddles were thus converted into pretty good seats.

The parson had taken no particular text, but his chosen subject was the young man who had broken up his meeting a few Sunday nights before and the grand jury which had refused to indict him for it.

"Dat young feller am des as shuah to go to h—l as dis deah sistah heah am boun' to go to Heaben aftah heh sins has ben washen away in his audience ob baptism afteh I has deministered hit. Yes, brederen, an' dat gran' jury w'at vi'lated de orblurgatuns ob deh oafs an' defuse to fin' a true bill agin' 'im, dey'se boun' to go wid 'im to er man; an' dey'se all boun' to hab de hottes' places w'at dere is in dat lake

"BOUN' TO GO TO HEABEN."

ob fiah; an' dey'se gwine be sunk down to de bottomes' deps, wid a sinkat 'roun' 'em bigger'n dat steamboat. An' dey desarves hit, brederin, dey desarves hit, an' hit am my juty ter speak out about hit like a white preacher wud. Spos'n dat had er ben a white chu'ch w'at dat young feller broken up! W'at 'ud dat gran' jury 'a dun? Dey'd a hung 'im. An' sposin' hit 'ad ben a niggah w'at went into a white chu'ch an' did dataway—er inter a niggah chu'ch, for dat matter, w'at wud dey ha' dun wid 'im? Dey'd a burnt 'im, dat's w'at dey'd a dun wid 'im, an' dey'd a suved 'im jes' right. Dat's w'at de mattah!"

At this juncture the sister, whom the parson was holding, whispered something in his ear, and he explained:

"But, brederin, dis sistah says as how she am a gittin' cole, an' I kin tell by de way she tremmels dat she am a gittin' scart, too, an' so I s'll now perceed ter baptize 'er, an' den I s'll continner my 'marks."

He repeated, as nearly as he could, the words usually uttered upon such occasions, but just as he got to "I baptize you in de name ob"—there was a crash, a swirl, a splashing, a rushing of water, and 35 black men were precipitated into the river from the wheel of the steamer. The plank that held it had yielded to the pressure.

The parson was washed down stream as if a mill tail had been turned loose upon him, and he yelled as lustily as he preached the night that his meeting was interrupted.

The sister who was being baptized was entirely lost sight of for a time, but a party of white fishermen, who chanced to be looking on from their boats, rescued her in a much more than half drowned condition.

By the liberal use of life preservers from the steamer, the help of onlookers and the fact that some of the colored folks could swim, they were all saved, including the parson, but the "big baptizin'" was indefinitely postponed.

Primitive But Forceful.

A Wilkesbarre (Pa.) magistrate got tired of fining a fellow for wife beating, and, stepping down from the bench the other day, he administered a sound thrashing to the offender. There are times when the primitive style of justice is the only one that has any weight, but unfortunately the majority of our judges are gentlemen who would run serious risks in adopting the Wilkesbarre jurist's method.

Curious Burial Custom.

The Servians have a curious custom of giving a parting kiss to their deceased friends before final burial, and the observance of it has caused a serious epidemic of diphtheria. The police prefect of Belgrade has accordingly issued stringent orders against the custom, prohibiting it for the present, however, only in the case of those persons who have died from that malady.

SPIRITS DISTILLING COMBINE.

The New Company Expects to Do a Business of $100,000,000 Annually.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—The merging of the largest spirit distributing interests in the country under one control occurred yesterday, when the Standard Distilling and Distributing company of New Jersey, with head offices in New York city, at a meeting of its board of directors took over the control of the Spirits Distributing company of New Jersey. The Standard company already owns substantially all of the spirit distilleries in the United States and also many of the distributing plants. The capital of the absorbed company is $7,500,000, and it owns the H. H. Shufeldt distributing house, the Shufeldt distillery, the Riverdale distributing house and the Riverdale distillery, all in Chicago, and the St. Paul distributing house and the St. Paul distillery.

The Shufeldt distributing house is reputed to be the largest and oldest in the country. The officers of the absorbed company are: S. M Rice, president, and T. H. Wentworth, secretary and treasurer. The fact that these officers also held similar offices in the American Spirits Manufacturing company is said to indicate that a further absorption of still larger proportions is likely to occur. The officers of the Standard company are: Frank Curtis, president; Pembroke Jones, vice president, and N. E. D. Huggins, secretary. The Standard company has not increased its capital stock ($24,000,000) on account of the purchase of this interest.

The Standard company manufactures and distributes alcohol, spirits and high wines. The absorbed company merely distributed these products. The corporate form of the Spirits Distributing company will remain intact, only the controlling stock having been bought by the Standard company and there being no desire on the part of the purchaser to absorb the identity of their new concern. The purchase was the result of competition, which proved unsatisfactory to the Spirits company.

The annual business of the Spirits company is about $15,000,000. The acquisition by the Standard company of the controlling stock of the Spirits company puts the Standard company in the possession of the distributing business of the entire United States, with the exception of a few houses. The present business of the Standard company approximates $80,000,000 per annum, and with the acquisition of the Spirits company the Standard company expects to increase to about $100,000,000 a year.

Indian Appropriations Increased.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The senate committee on appropriations yesterday reported the Indian appropriation bill, increasing the appropriation as made by the house to the net extent of $131,900. An item of increase is $33,400 for the Lincoln Educational institute, Philadelphia. The appropriation for the Carlisle Indian school at Carlisle, Pa., is reduced $39,000. The only general amendment was one in a measure authorizing the return to the contract system of Indian schools.

Captain Ludlow Reprimanded.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The navy department has publicly reprimanded Captain Ludlow and Lieutenant Potts of the battleship Massachusetts for negligence in connection with the grounding of that vessel on Diamond reef, New York harbor, and has suspended Navy Yard Pilot Frank W. Bell for six months and directed that Sandy Hook Pilot Henry L. Weaver be not employed again by the navy.

Dull Day In the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Little business was transacted by the senate in open session yesterday. Sixteen bills on the private pension calendar were passed, and a joint resolution extending the thanks of congress to Miss Clara Barton and other officials of the Red Cross society for their beneficent work in Armenia and Cuba was adopted. At 5 o'clock the senate adfourned.

Bourgogne Was at Fault.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—The trial of the suit of Law & Co., the owners of the Cromartyshire, against the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique for damages sustained by the Cromartyshire in collision with the French liner La Bourgogne last July, in which the latter was sunk, was ended in the admiralty court yesterday, judgment being rendered in favor of the plaintiff. The court held that La Bourgogne was solely at fault for the disaster, her speed being excessive under the circumstances, and that the Cromartyshire did everything possible to avert a collision.

Schooner Thought to Be Lost.

NEWBERN, N. C., Jan. 13.—Grave apprehension is expressed for the safety of the crew of the two masted schooner Susan E. Porter, Captain Carroll, which left Charleston Dec. 17 bound for this, her home port. She is two weeks overdue, and nothing has been heard of her since she sailed from Charleston. It is believed that the crew of five men have perished.

Victims of Dunellen Wreck Buried.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Jan. 13.—The funerals of Rufus and Henry Weikel and Warren Merkel who were killed in the recent Lehigh Valley wreck at West Dunellen, N. J., were held simultaneously yesterday. Business was generally suspended throughout the town during the interment, and a great crowd was present.

Carnegie's Generous Offer.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Mr. Andrew Carnegie has offered to give $250,000 to erect a building for a public library for Washington provided congress will furnish a site and provide suitable maintenance—not less than $10,000 per annum. Steps will be taken at once to secure the needed legislation.

Paris Commission Completed.

ALBANY, Jan. 13.—The governor has completed the commission to represent the state of New York at Paris in 1900 by the appointment of Edward G. Wyckoff of Utica for the Sixth Judicial district.

Our President Toasted.

NICE, Jan. 13.—At the annual dinner last evening of the Anglo-American club toasts were drunk to President McKinley, Queen Victoria and President Faure. The proceedings were marked by much enthusiasm.

MAY VISIT US SOON.

Frederick William, Heir Apparent to the German Throne.

He Is a Nice Looking, Bright Youngster of 18, and Has Been Anxious to Travel in This Country for Some Time.

Crown Prince William of Prussia is expected to pay a visit to the United States next year.

This youth, the heir apparent to the throne of the German empire, who is now in his eighteenth year, is an intelligent, wellbred and manly fellow. Like all the six sons of Kaiser Wilhelm, he has been carefully trained, especially in military matters. William II. believes in the Spartan doctrine of education to which tradition condemns the children of the house of Hohenzollern. While he does not enforce it with sticks, manacles and dinner plates, as did old Frederick William with Frederick the Great, he sees to it that they spend no time in idleness; and from their entry upon their seventh year they are allowed but two hours a day in which they may play, rest or amuse themselves at their own choice. The rest of the day is occupied with lessons of one sort or another, and many a plebeian American boy has a better time than the royal children of Germany. Every morning, winter and summer, they rise at seven and take their first breakfast, consisting merely of coffee and rolls, at 7:30. Punctually at eight their lessons begin. The crown prince usually takes his alone, under both his military and civil tutors, but occasionally the two brothers next him in age join in his lessons, in order that results may be obtained and both pupils and tutors stimulated to greater efforts.

During recess they go, in the summer when they and their parents are at the new palace, into the "play garden," where their pastimes consist chiefly of gymnastic exercises, ball playing, digging, etc. In these pursuits they are frequently joined by their father, who is not only devoted to his family, but, reports to the contrary notwithstanding, has a great admiration of the English and Americans, especially of their fondness for outdoor sports, and he encourages his children to engage in football, golf, yachting, boating, swimming, boxing and the like. Indeed, a story is told of how Bismarck was once horrified to come, unawares, upon the crown prince, five years old at the time, and his brother, Eitel-Fritz, little more than a year younger, stripped to the waist, and boxing in English fashion.

THE GERMAN CROWN PRINCE.
(He May Visit the United States During the Coming Spring.)

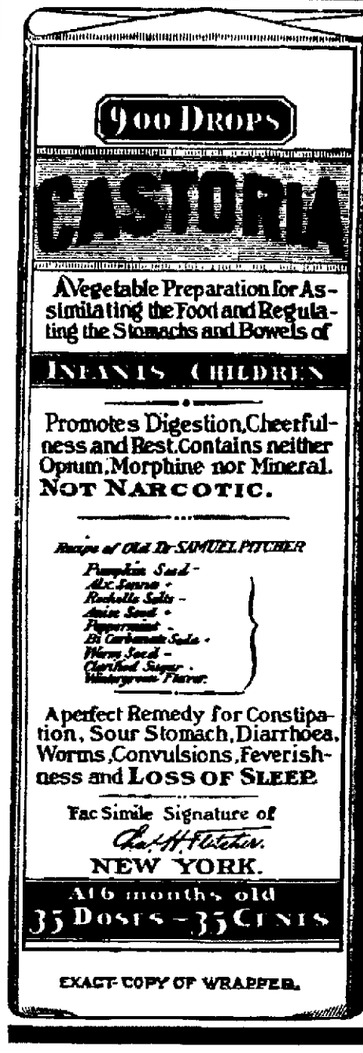
After lessons are over the princes receive instruction in riding, driving, fencing, and most of all in military tactics. For the better teaching of these last the emperor has had a miniature fort built on the Drachenberg, near the new palace, after designs made by Krupp, and erected under the supervision of one of the most distinguished military engineers in Germany. This fort is the exact reproduction in minuature of the most approved style of modern fortification, correct in every detail, and here the crown prince and his brothers are familiarized with everything relating to its defense and also of attack.

Prince Frederick has been a colonel in the German army since he was ten years old. He is a fearless rider, an accomplished fencer, and as well educated, all around, as is possible for any youth of his age. Yet withal he is said to be a quiet, studious lad, fonder of his books than of his horse or his gun, and more likely to defend his own country than to attack others. Thanks to his simple out-of-door life, his health is excellent, and he is well grown and physically perfect.

The emperor has always wished to visit America, and one of his unfulfilled desires is to hunt big game in the Rooky mountains. The favorite friend of his boyhood was Poultney Bigelow, who was his schoolfellow at Dr. Lindenkohl's in Cassel, and who introduced him to his own favorite novelist, Fenimore Cooper. Since then Emperor William has always dreamed of emulating Leatherstocking and shooting game in the trackless American forests. His son, however, is more likely to be interested in our institutions than in our sports. It may be well to remark, by the way, that under no circumstances whatever will he be allowed to marry anyone with less than 16 quarterings, and those of royal blood.

An Economical Princess.

Though the German emperor has an annual income of about £750,000, the empress, who dresses "like a good, middle-class woman," is most economical. The children's clothes are repaired in the workroom where her own wardrobe is mended. When their clothes have been outgrown they are cut up for the smaller members of the family, which can very well be done, seeing that six of the seven children are boys.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OUR JANUARY SALE!

When a Whole Store Cuts loose from profits, when in many instances, it ignores cost, in its one great desire to reduce stock in a limited space of time, if that store is honest in its statements and intentions, the buying public is put into possession of a money saving opportunity so great that they can ill afford to pass it lightly by.

This Store Proposes for one week to offer every dollar of its surplus seasonable merchandise at such a reduction from its regular price that profits will be wiped out, and, in many instances, cost will be lost sight of. We're honest about it; we are earnest about it; we mean to make this sale memorable. Facts in the shape of figures will tell you more emphatically than all the wordy eloquence in the world just how earnest we are in this matter. These chances, for obvious reasons, do not often occur.

THIS SALE WILL LAST SEVEN DAYS.

The advertised prices will hold good during that time.

Sale Begins Saturday Morning, Jan. 14,

and ends the following Saturday night, Jan. 21st. IT WILL PAY YOU to come fifty miles to attend this great sale.

The Dress Goods Reduction Feast.

No hit or miss advertising here. Just cold blooded price cutting all along the line. Inventory is at hand, and this dress goods stock must be reduced, and that at short notice. We go about it this way.

Colored Dress Goods.

ONE LOT DOUBLE FOLD PLAIDS and fancy weaves, suitable for children's school dresses, 15c value, sale's price 6c per yard.

ONE LOT OF FANCY WEAVES, some of them all wool, were 29c up to 39c, sale's price 18c per yard. 50 and 59c all wool Fancies, Granites and Bayeres reduced to 39c per yard. $1 38 Novelties reduced to 79c.

Your Black Goods Opportunity.

Good Black Goods at reasonable prices are always a satisfactory purchase, but when a whole stock is practically stripped of profits to reduce its volume, it presents a buying chance of the first importance. 36-inch Black Novelties reduced from 25c to 19c. 50 and 59c Black Novelties reduced to 39c per yard. $2 Black Crepons $1.39 per yard.

Silk Selling Extraordinary.

Former prices not considered at this sale. The question is, what prices will move the lots quickly? Here's how we answer that question. One lot of Fancy Silks, consisting of checks, plaids and fancy figured silks, were priced from 69c way up to $1 a yard, sale's price 39c per yard. Black Figured Gros Grains and Satins, were $1 and $1 25, now 69c per yard. Plain and Changeable Taffeta Silks, were $1, sale's price 59c per yard.

Sale Time in Domestics

A money saving time. A time when you should replenish your supply of housekeeping goods. 4 000 yards best 9c Unbleached Sheeting 3½c per yard. Best Bleached Muslin, usually 9 and 10c., at sale 5½c. 3,000 yards best Calicoes, 6c goods, at sale 2½c.

Pillow Muslin.

¼ yard wide, bleached, 8c.; unbleached, 7c.

Wide Sheeting Muslin.

Unbleached—2 yards wide, 12c., worth 16c.; 2¼ yards wide, 13c., worth 18c.; 2½ yards wide, 14c., worth 22c. Bleached—2 yards wide, 13c., worth 18c.; 2¼ yards wide, 14c., worth 22c.; 2½ yards wide, 16c., worth 25c.

Outing Flannels.

There is a ring to these values. But this is sales time; bargain time in this store. Buy all you need from these lots. 8c Outing Flannel 5c a yard, 10c Outing Flannel 7c a yard, 5c Shaker Flannel 3½c a yard.

A Great Cloak Clearance.

No stock in this store that we are more in earnest about. All previous cloak reductions are cancelled and again reduced. You who have not bought will be glad you waited. It seems a pity to so sacrifice all these stylish garments, but they must go, no matter what the loss. One lot of Ladies' Jackets, priced from $5 to $8, your choice $2.50 each. One lot of Ladies' Jackets, priced from $10 to $15, your choice $5 each.

Sweeping Reductions

in Ladies' Capes and Child's Jackets.

Sale of Wrappers.

Here is a chance that seldom happens. Some 360 women will get a rare bargain here. 30 dozen heavy Flannelette Wrappers, with ruffles over shoulders, fancy braid trimmed, $1.25 is their real value, sale's price 69c each.

Dealings in Table Linens.

Our linen store, always a safe and economical place to buy, has made some extra efforts for sale's week that brings extra best chances. 66-inch Table Damask, 5 new designs, good value at 55c, sale's price 39c per yard. 68-inch Irish Table Damask, regular 69c value, at sale 59c a yard. 72-inch Satin Damask, fine Irish manufacture, $1 quality, at sale 75c per yard.

Table Napkins.

All linen Napkins, German manufacture, value $1, at sale 75c a dozen. Dinner Napkins, Irish manufacture, 19x21, value $1.75, at sale $1.25 a dozen. Dinner Napkins, Scotch make, all linen, 21x22, value $2.50, at sale $1.75 a dozen.

Towels.

Huck and Damask Towels, regular 15c quality, at sale 12½c. Large brown Turkish Towels, 15c value, at sale 9c each. Hemmed Huck and Fringed Damask Towels, 35c value, at sale 25c each.

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MUSICAL Instruction on mandolin, piano, violin, guitar, banjo, flute by VINCENT MACGIO, 68 North street, second floor. d&wly

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MERIT RECOGNIZED.

Jonas D. Millspaugh Promoted to the Presidency of the Chester National Bank.

Correspondence of Argus and Mercury.

It may truthfully be said that nothing of record in this community ever met with a greater measure of popular endorsement or was received with more general expression of genuine satisfaction and pleasure than the promotion of Jonas D. Millspaugh to the presidency of the Chester National Bank.

The new president entered the service of the bank in 1876 as bookkeeper. He was promoted to be cashier in 1880. The record Mr. Millspaugh made in his various positions was not lost on the board or patrons of the bank. Always popular and always accommodating within the bounds of prudence and duty, invariably correct and of sound judgment, it was but natural that he should have been chosen to preside over the interests of the bank when a new head was to be selected, this being made necessary by the retirement of the capable and successful late president, Joseph Durland.

Mr. Millspaugh was born in Florida, in 1861, and lived on the farm until he came to Chester in 1876. In his advancement to his present enviable and responsible place his fellow citizens feel a personal pride, and not only he but the bank is to be congratulated on his selection. Mr. Millspaugh was, for years, treasurer of the Chester Board of Education, and of the Woodbury, Monroe and Chester Building and Loan Association. Being about thirty-seven years of age, he is one of the youngest, if not the youngest, of the bank presidents in Orange county.

LAST YEAR'S WEATHER.

Interesting Figures from the Record of a Careful Observer.

From the Goshen Democrat.

The table below shows the number of clear or fair, cloudy or part cloudy, and stormy days in this immediate locality each month of 1898. By a "fair" day is meant more sunshine than clouds; by "partly cloudy" is meant more clouds than sunshine. Rainy days include, of course, the days when heavy showers occurred, though part of the day may have been fair. Snow falls are only noticed when the snow gathered on ground, squalls not counting.

To give the temperature variations would involve too much time on the part of the observer in the preparation, so we give only the hottest and coldest days: July 3, highest, 96°; lowest, 75°; January 30, highest, 13°; lowest, 2° below zero. Some thermometers were said to have been 10° below zero.

Month	Clear or fair days	Cloudy or part cloudy days	Days on which rain fell	Days on which snow fell
Jan....	9	13	5	4
Feb....	8	13	4	3
March	11	10	6	4
April..	11	12	6	1
May...	9	9	13	
June..	14	11	5	
July...	13	7	11	
Aug....	11	8	12	
Sept...	20	3	7	
Oct....	14	7	10	
Nov...	13	6	9	3
Dec....	15	9	4	3
Total	148	108	91	18

LONG COURTSHIPS.

A Fishkill Clergyman Tells What He Knows About Them.

From the Newburgh News.

A Fishkill clergyman preached a sermon last Sunday, which has quite bestirred that village. He deprecated long courtships, and said: "In looking over my field of acquaintances, I can name dozens who have courted for years. One case in Matteawan,—and there may be others for all I know—has been hanging fire for seventeen years. Men do not realize the injustice they do women by paying attention to them for years without perhaps the first thought of matrimony. Some day a legislator will draft a law prohibiting courtships of over two years' duration, and then a lot of fellows will be sorry they lost their best girls. Come, boys, pop the question."

BLOOMINGBURGH.

Meetings in the M. E. Church—Gone to South Carolina—Other Notes.

Correspondence Argus and Mercury.

—Meetings have been continued in the M. E. Church, this week.

—Dr. Bull has gone to South Carolina with a patient, R. M. Crosby, of Thompson Ridge. Mr. Crosby will spend the winter there.

—Fred Shorter is able to be up and about the house.

—George Tilford is confined to the house by a severe attack of the grip.

—Norbury's feed store is doing a rushing business nowadays.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on J. J. Chambers, Druggist, 57 North street, near post office, and get a free trial bottle. Regular size 50 cents and $1. Every bottle guaranteed, or price refunded.

To Cure Constipation Forever

Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Cross-grained as this ad. is the woman who boils her wash. - - No boiling when FELS-NAPTHA soap is used—but perfect results with lukewarm or cold water only.

Grocers sell it FELS & CO. Phila.

AN OLD SWINDLE REVIVED.

Canvassers for Pictures and Picture Frames Victimize Many Norwich People.

Several Norwich people have been victimized, of late, by a modification of the old picture frame swindle. An agent professing to represent a large Philadelphia concern secured a number of photographs from which enlarged pictures were to be made, promising to do the work free of charge to introduce the firm's work. A few days later another man professing to represent the same concern called and said that since the picture was being made for nothing it was but right that the firm should have an order for the frame. Samples were shown and the prices quoted not being high, orders were given by many. The frames were not to be paid for until delivered, but a dollar was asked as a guarantee of good faith. Those who paid their dollar have not seen frame or picture yet, and the Philadelphia house, whom the men professed to represent, has written that it employs no agents. The loss of valued photographs is what is most regretted by the victims of the swindle.

It is possible that the swindlers may visit Middletown, for very few such fellows give this town the go by, and our readers should be on the lookout for them.

SCOTCHTOWN.

The Montgomery Quartette Coming.

Correspondence of Argus and Mercury.

—The Scotchtown singing class has arranged to have the Montgomery quartette with it, Saturday evening, Jan. 14. The quartette will give several selections after the singing class. George Van Alst, a member of the quartette, will sing a solo.

MAKE IT PUBLIC.

Publicity Counts—That's What the People Want—Middletown Expression on the Subject.

The bigger half of worldly trouble.
The greater part of mankind's suffering.
Can safely be laid to the kidneys.
Kidneys filter the blood.
Keep the human system healthy.
But they can't do this when they're sick.
Easy to tell sick kidney.
Look to the back for the note of warning.
Most backache pains and aches of a bad back
Should be treated promptly.
Every day's delay means further trouble.
Urinary complications set in, Diabetes, Bright's Disease.
Doan's Kidney Pills are kidney specialists.
Cure every form of Kidney ills.
Proof of this in Middletown testimony.

Mrs. Melissa Johnson, of 45 James street, says: "For four or five years I was troubled with kidney and urinary disorder which weakened me so much that it was tiresome to move around and long walks were impossible. If I caught cold or was exposed to any change in the weather I was always seized with a pain in the loins. I noticed an advertisement about Doan's Kidney Pills in a local newspaper, and I also heard them well spoken about. This induced me to procure a box from J. E. Mills' drug store. They helped me from the first. I felt better in every way and I am able to walk around as much as I like. I have always a good word to say for Doan's Kidney Pills."

Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Price 50 cents per box, or six boxes for $2.50 Sent by mail on receipt of price. For sale by all dealers.

Remember the name, Doan's, and take no substitute.

CHESTER.

The Bank's Election.

Correspondence of Argus and Mercury.

—The Chester National Bank elected the following officers, Tuesday: President, Jonas D. Millspaugh; Vice President, Joseph Durland; Cashier, Bradford C. Durland; Teller, Alfred R. Conklin; Bookkeeper, Charles A. Thompson; Directors, Chas. R. Bull, Joseph Board, J. Durland, Jas. K. Houston, Nathan H. Helme, Jonas D. Millspaugh, Nathaniel Roe, Alfred B. Roe, John B. Tuthill, Hiram Tuthill, Cornelius B. Wood, D. S. Wood, William A. Lawrence.

PINE BUSH.

Correspondence of Argus and Mercury.

—Messrs. Klein, Ash, Klein and Coble will give a concert at Wallace Hall, Jan. 12 and 13, under the auspices of the Epworth League.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

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THE BANANA PLANTER.

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"The small banana planter of Honduras is the happiest creature on earth," said a local shipper, reports the New Orleans Times-Democrat, "and nothing ever removes him from his philosophic calm. The frightful hurricane which raged along the Honduran coast on the 1st of the month absolutely destroyed scores of plantations. The trees were plucked out of the earth like blades of grass, the fragile buildings were blown into kindling wood, and nothing whatever left to tell the tale. Happening anywhere else, such a disaster would have been a tragedy of the first order, and meant incalculable suffering, but nature is very kind to her children on the banana coast. All that is necessary to rehabilitate the ravaged plantations is to stick a few clippings in the ground and wait for them to take root and bear. The work is usually divided between the planter and his wife—she sets out the clippings and he does the waiting. Some time during the year, if he is not too tired, he may rebuild his residence. This is done by tying a native rope around four suitable trees and laying cane stalks crossways over the top. Other cane stalks are now and then used for sides, but they are really unnecessary, as the Honduranian conception of privacy is very vague, and there is never anything to steal. So, as a matter of fact, the hurricane was much less calamitous than it appeared to those who are unfamiliar with native conditions. The principal loss which it entailed was in damage to the present banana crop, and the fruit grows with such rapidity that three months ought to completely repair it. Meantime, the planter does quantities of resting and is happy."

THE ENTRY INTO PONCE.

Enthusiastic Reception of Gen. Miles and His Troops by the Natives.

Late in the day Gen. Miles and Gen. Wilson, in full dress uniform and beautiful white gloves, received the homage of Ponce from the balcony of the alcaide's palace, writes Richard Harding Davis, in Scribner's. They made a very fine appearance, but as no men go unshaven in Porto Rico except priests, the populace were greatly disturbed to find that it was Gen. Miles and not Gen. Wilson who was the commanding officer of our army. "He should have been an archbishop," they said, but later he convinced them that the mustache does not make the soldier. Nothing could have been more enthusiastic or more successful that their open air reception. The fire companies paraded in their honor, and ran over three of their own men, which gave the local Red Cross people a grand chance to appear on the scene, each man wearing four red crosses, to carry away the wounded. This created some confusion, as the firemen preferred to walk, but the Red Cross people were adamant and bore them off on stretchers, whether they would or no. The only thing wanting to complete the picture was an American flag. It was only a detail, but the populace seemed to miss it. It was about the only article with which the expedition was not supplied. Frantic cabling to Washington repaired the loss, and within a week flags were sent all over the island and raised upon the roofs of many a city hall. Ponce itself held more foreign flags than we had ever seen. Judging from their number one would have thought that the population was composed entirely of English, Germans, French and Swiss, and members of the Red Cross society.

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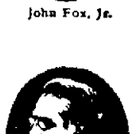

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WEATHER INDICATIONS
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WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—Rain to-night and Saturday; warmer; southeasterly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 26°; 12 m., 28°; 3 p. m., 30°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—Jan. 14—"O'Hooligan's Wedding," at Casino
—Jan. 16.—Field's Minstrels, at Casino.
—Jan 24—Y. M. C. A. entertainment. Dr. Eugene May, at the Casino.
—Jan. 27—Y. P. S. C. E. rally at the Congregational Church.
—Feb. 13—McQuoid's annual ball, at Casino.
—Feb. 14—Y. M. C. A. entertainment, Rev. Russell H. Conwell, at the Casino.

Even a cursory study of the personnel of the legislative committees make it apparent that they have been so constituted that they can be depended upon to kill any measure that is not in the interest of the corporations and monopolies that contribute liberally to Republican campaign funds.

Senator Wagner, Democrat, of Brooklyn, has introduced a bill which repeals the Raines law and restores to towns and cities the control of the liquor traffic. There is, however, no chance of the passage of the bill, for the Republican strength in the Senate and Assembly will be solidly arrayed against it.

The Senate Committee, which investigated the scheme to establish a hospital for consumptives in the Adirondacks, has made a favorable report, in which it recommends the expenditure of $150,000 for the erection and equipment of a hospital to accommodate 200 patients. The Legislature will probably think several times before it makes such an appropriation. To make consumptives objects of State care would be a radically new departure that would logically lead to the State assuming the care of victims of other diseases, and there is a general feeling that the State has already gone as far as it ought to do in its charitable and beneficent work. In fact there are men in public life who do not hesitate to say that the chief reason for the increased cost of the State government is the fact that of late years legislators have gone daft on the subject of State charities.

LONG EDDY.

Death of John Geer—Many Cases of Grip—Lease of a Hotel—Broken Bones—Other Notes.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—The funeral of John Geer was held, Monday, at the M. E. Church. He was eighty-four years and eleven months old. He had the secret of using different herbs to cure rattlesnake bites and made a business of catching rattlesnakes, and getting the grease and galls which he sold.

—There is hardly a family in town that has not some of its members sick with grip. The doctor is kept busy early and late attending his patients and some have to go unattended.

—Carly, son of C. T. Batsford, fell down the steps, the other day, and broke his ankle bone.

—S. E. Hempstead, of Gulf Summit, visited his sick mother, Mrs. H. Hempstead, a day or two ago.

—G. S. Wieland, of the River View House, Narrowsburgh, has rented the Van Benschoten hotel here, and took possession January 1st.

—Edward Ryan, of this place, and Alice Carr, of Hankins, have been married, and their many friends are extending their hearty congratulations.

—Mrs. Thos. Wilcot had the misfortune to fall on the ice and break a bone in her wrist. Dr. Stearns set the fractured member.

—The funeral of Irvin Furch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Furch, was held Wednesday at the M. E. Church. A large concourse of friends and relatives gathered to pay their last tribute to the departed. He was eighteen years old. The family have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

—Mrs. E. Hinaman is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. Hempstead, at Yonkers.

—Mr. and Mrs. B. Higher are visiting their parents at Narrowsburgh.

—Patrick Downey, of Port Jervis, recently visited his father, J. Downey, who is under Dr. Stearns' care for malarial fever.

—Mrs. C. W. Southworth, of Oneonta, was with her sister, Mrs. L. Furch, during the illness of the latter's son.

—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stoddard, of Masonville, are visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. C. T. Batsford.

—Mrs. Frank Weaver and family, of Suffern, are visiting her brother, W. B. Gordon.

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EGAN'S ABUSE OF MILES.

War Commission Censured Egan for His Outbreak and Returns Paper—President's Promise to Protect Witnesses May Shield Egan for All Penalties for His Indecency.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The War Investigating Commission, to-day, passed a resolution of censure on Gen. Egan for the language used, yesterday, when he appeared to answer the charges made against the commissary branch of the army by Maj. Gen. Miles and returned him the carefully prepared typewritten statement which he left with the commission after reading it to that body. With its return was sent a letter explaining that was done that abusive and irrelevant matters might be eliminated.

Army circles, this morning, had scarcely recovered from the shock received, yesterday, by the statement of Commissary General Egan. The sober second judgment of the coolest minds on both sides, meaning by that friends of Gen. Egan and friends of Gen. Miles, is inclined to the opinion that no action will follow yesterday's eruption.

It has already been intimated at army headquarters, accepting theoretically Gen. Eagan's disclamor of his responsibility to Maj. Gen. Miles commanding the army as binding, that this places responsibility for anything he says or does on the department. The department itself, however, is stopped from action in this case by the fact that the President had given his solemn promise to protect witnesses who might appear before the war investigating commission from the consequences of any testimony they might give there.

When Gen. Miles made first statement before the commission, in which he spoke of embalmed beef, Gen. Egan resented this, but found he could not prefer charges against Gen. Miles of slandering him, because the President's promise protected the commanding general. Gen. Egan then addressed a letter to Gen. Miles to learn if he had said the things published in newspapers as part of his testimony. The purpose was to secure a repetition, if possible, outside the commission's chambers of the offensive statements, in which case a foundation, Gen. Egan thought, might have been laid for formal charges. This attempt failed and Gen. Egan availed himself of the same means, according to his friends, of redressing his grievances. According to this view, therefore, the matter has narrowed down to a personal issue between the two officers.

CONSIDERED BY THE CABINET.

At to-day's Cabinet meeting much time was consumed in the discussion of Gen. Egan's testimony before the war investigating commission, yesterday. All the members of the Cabinet commend the action of the commission in declining to receive the manuscript of Gen. Egan's testimony until the objectionable epithets have been expurgated.

There is no doubt that the President deeply regrets the incident and it is almost certain official cognizance will be taken of the matter very soon.

THE UNION MEETINGS.

A Large Attendance and Much Interest Manifested in Last Night's Meeting.

There was a large attendance at the union meeting at the First Congregational Church, Thursday night.

Rev. Dr. Winters preached an able and instructive sermon and his words of advise and appeal were delivered earnestly and effectively. Prayers were offered and a deep sense of religious obligation prevaded the meeting.

Slips of paper were placed in each pew, and some names of those in whose behalf prayers were asked were handed to those in charge of the meeting.

Union Y. P. S. C. E. Meeting.

The union Y. P. S. C. E. meeting has been planned to be held at the First Baptist Church, Saturday evening.

The services are to commence at 7:30 and to be led by William A. Hurlin. The subject is "Our Opportunities," and it is expected that every one will have an opportunity to take a brief part. A meeting full of life and joy is expected. Good singing from Gospel Hymns No. 6.

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The donations, which considerably exceeded those of any previous year, were as follows:

Four pumpkins, ½ bushel apples, ½ barrel apples, Geo. W. Clark; basket of grapes, Mrs. H. W. Wiggins; ½ bushel turnips, Mrs. Halstead; 1 peck of grapes, $25, Mrs. Webb Horton; 24 cans of fruit, Mrs. M. E. Knight, Monroe; 2 cans of tomatoes, 2 glasses of jelly, Mrs. E. T. Treat; 4 glasses of jelly, Mrs. H. Wickham; 1 turkey, Dr. Talcott; 1 barrel of vegetables, Mrs. Halstead; 1 large turkey, Mrs. George Clemson; 6 quarts of stewed cranberries, Mrs. R. H. Dolson; 10 pounds candy, S. T. Cannon; 6 glasses jelly, Mrs. J. C. Wickham, New Hampton; ½ bushel apples, Rev. David Winters; 5 cans of peas, 4 quarts of cranberries, Mrs. Ira M. Corwin; 1 turkey, Wm. Greening; 2 cans peaches, 2 bowls jelly, Mrs. D. Beattie; 4 pies, Mrs. Halstead; 3 glasses of jelly, Mrs. F. Stratton; 6 glasses currant jam, Miss Emma R. Shafer; 3 glasses currant jelly, 2 cans spiced currants, barral of potatoes and squash, Mrs. R. M. Crosby, Thompson Ridge; 10 pounds sugar, 3 pounds tea, 3 pounds coffee, 1 dozen oranges, 1 basket grapes, Mrs. W. D. Stratton; 3 pounds candy, 5 pounds fancy cakes, 2 pounds graham crackers, 3 pounds white grapes, 2 dozen bananas, Mrs. Fanny Drake; turkey, Andrew Brown; dozen bananas, Mrs. Wilkes; loaf of bread, Mrs. W. H. Crawford; large china fruit dish, Tea Store; $5, Hart Davis; $5, Mrs. A. M. Phillips; bed quilt, Meadow Brook Church, through Mrs. John Goodman.

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	Yesterday Close	To-day Close
Sugar	126¼	127¼
Tobacco	146⅝	147⅞
Chicago Gas	111⅝	111⅜
Nat. Lead	38	38⅝
General Electric	100¾	100⅛
U. S. L., pref.	77⅝	71⅜
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A. T. & S. F.	21⅝	21½
C. B. & Q.	127⅜	130½
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R. I.	115¼	116
D. L. & W.	—	—
C. of N. J.	101½	102⅞
Erie	15¼	15
D. and H.	111¾	112
O. & W.	20½	20
Susquehanna & Western	—	—
Susquehanna & West., pref.	—	—
P. & R.	22⅜	23
N. W.	142¾	144
L. S.		
N. Y. C.	123⅝	124¾
M. P.	45¾	46⅛
Texas	18¾	18
C. P.	46	46¾
W. Union	94⅞	95⅛
L. & N.	65⅝	66⅛
Manhattan	106½	108⅝
P. M.	44⅞	46
Wabash, pref.	23⅛	23
No. Pacific, pref.	78⅛	78⅝
Metropolitan Traction	190	190½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	89½	94⅜
Southern, pref.	45¼	46¾
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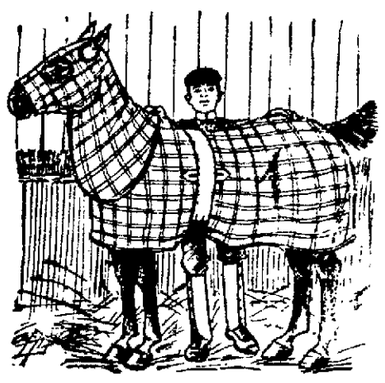

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—Health restored by Dr. Miles' Nervine.
—Calendars given with Fairy Soap.
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—For backache, Doan's Pills.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.

—The case of Gately & Fitzgerald and A. P. Jacobus has been settled.

—The Maccabees postponed their installation, Thursday night.

—Field's Minstrels will appear at the Casino, Wednesday, Jan. 18th.

—Everybody is invited to "O'Hooligan's Wedding," Saturday night.

—The Wallkill hat works will resume work in all departments, Monday.

—John L. Starr has taken the agency for Hooker, Grover & Co., nurserymen of Rochester.

—Tuesday evening, January 24th, is the date of the "Chimes of Normandy" company's visit to Ellenville.

—"O'Hooligan's Wedding," the greatest laughing success of recent years, at the Casino, Saturday night.

—We are in receipt of a very neatly designed and handsomely printed calendar from the Port Jervis *Gazette*.

—Special low prices of admission are announced by Manager Lea for "O'Hooligan's Wedding," Saturday night.

—The Pastime Social Club held a jolly dance at its rooms at East Main street and Railroad avenue, Thursday night

—This is Friday, the 13th day of the month, and anything going wrong should be laid to this aggregation of hoodoos.

—There has never been a band in this city that could equal that of the 24th. Encourage the organization by attending its concert and ball, January 26.

—C. L. Elwood, as assignee of Perriman & Simpson, will sell the uncollected and disputed book accounts at auction at the office of Vanemee & Vail, Tuesday, Jan. 17.

—"O'Hooligan's Wedding" at the Casino, Saturday night, is the greatest laugh producer on the road. The company is said to be a first class one in every respect.

PERSONAL.

—Erford Launt, of this city, is visiting in Rockland.

—Mrs. Eliza Smith, of Katonah, is visiting at John L. Wiggins'.

—John S. Conkling, the mail carrier, was unable to take his route, to-day.

—J. M. Brink, of the Fulton street market, is confined to his home by an attack of the grip.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith, of 208½ North street, and their three children, are all sick with the grip.

—Orrin Broadhead, of White Sulphur Springs, has secured a position in the State Hospital in this city.

—John Faulkenbury, of Middletown, is visiting relatives at Warwick, while on a short vacation.—*Dispatch.*

—Mrs. Susan Friend, who has been very seriously ill at the home of her daughters in New York city, is very much better.

—Charles Jones, of 84 Linden avenue, left town, to-day, for Stapleton, L. I., where he has accepted a position with the Midland Traction Co.

—The Misses Annie Waisnegger and Jessie Simerson, of Middletown, are making a visit in town. * * * Ernest Schoomaker and Harry Sharpe of Middletown, visited at the resident of Mrs. M. Wecht, over Sunday.—*Ellenville Press.*

—Fred P. Robertson, of Middletown, spent several days last week with friends in town. * * * Jacob Charlock, of Middletown, returned home on Monday, having spent several days visiting his daughter, Mrs. William Hehn, on Sheppard street.—*Walton Times.*

HYMENEAL.

Morford—Vail.

H. C. Kelsey Morford, of New York, and Cora Cline, daughter of B. F. Vail, were married in Christ Church, Warwick, Tuesday, at noon. A reception followed at the home of the bride, after which Mr. and Mrs. Morford were driven to Goshen where they took an Erie train. They will reside in Brooklyn.

The ushers at the church were J. F. Congleton and Frank H. Sheppard, of New York; Dudley F. Upjohn and F. A. Michel, of Brooklyn. Fred L. Morford, a brother of the groom, of New Brighton, Staten Island, was the groom's best man. Miss Pauline Frances Vail, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were Miss Virginia Trusdell Morford, of Newton, and Miss Julia Cowdrey Grier, of Goshen. The maids all wore dresses of pink mull and black velvet hats, presenting a very stylish appearance. They carried pink roses. The bride's gown was of white satin with white veil. Miss Vail carried a bunch of lilies of the valley. The bride's favors to her maids were gold breastpins fashioned in the form of a tiny wreath.

Will Be Made a Summer Resort.

Chas. Davis, who recently purchased the village of Glen Eyre in Pike county, Pa., proposes to transform the property into a summer resort. The dilapidated cottages in the village will be replaced by new ones, the hotel will be enlarged and modernized and the attractions of the hundreds of acres of wood land in the tract developed.

NOT AS BAD AS EXPECTED

"FRENCH BALL" AT THE COTTAGE THEATRE A DISAPPOINTMENT.

Not as Tough as the Crowd in Attendance Hoped For—Many Spectators and But Few Masked Dancers—No Costumes That Were Loud or Suggestive—Several Scraps Afforded More Entertainment Than the Dance—A Little "Wake Revelry" After Midnight.

The "French Ball" at the Cottage Theatre, Mechanictown, Thursday night, was a disappointment to the sightseers from this city. The fact that it was to be a masquerade and that the cars were going to run until 3 o'clock promised a great deal to the man who occasionally strays from the quietude of Middletown to scenes of gayer life In consequence the cars of the very early evening carried a large number of people in the direction of Goshen, the idea seeming to prevail that getting off at the Mechanictown station so early indicated a legitimate errand. About 9:30, however, the people who "didn't give a darn" began to leave Franklin Square. In fact, the 9:30 car was packed by a crowd of people who seemed to have been "getting an edge on" here so as to be up with those who might have had an earlier "start" at the ball.

The Cottage Theatre is a venture of Charles H. Bellinger. It is in the rear and twice connected with his Cottage Hotel. For several years a vaudeville show has been there nightly, and on Thursday nights of late a dance has been given. The regular attendants of these dances are mainly young men of this city, Goshen, and from the farms about. The other sex gets there from somewhere, but there are enough "ladies" present to keep the floor lively after the performance. The performances on the whole compared favorably with those found in concert halls in New York.

Thursday night it was expected that the costumes of the fair sex would be on the real French ball style, and a list of "rubbers" from this city and Goshen in attendance would make very interesting reading. Most of these found partial seclusion in the seven or eight boxes, which are built in the balcony and on either side of the stage. These are hung with heavy tapestries, and seclusion is assured from the front, and a kind-hearted man named "Ed," who serves refreshments, will slip you a key so that intruders are also barred. The stage boxs, though, are frequented by the performers and the "Johnnies," and despite all a six-footer named "Mike" could do, at the French ball, masked and unmasked dancers pushed curtains aside and "rubbered."

At 11 o'clock, the sheds, barns, tie posts and fences were anchors for horses driven into the yard at rattling speed, one sleigh upsetting in the operation and throwing the couple out. On the floor of the pavilion, seated about round tables were two hundred well known Middletowners. There had been a fair song by a dark-eyed little woman, who had mastered all the latest coon steps, and a coon song by a stout soubrette in Seymour skirts, who had not mastered any particular steps except those which led down into the right hand box where the best "good thing Johnnies" were.

The crowd of first timers became a little discouraged when 11 o'clock passed and there had been no "mad revelry," as the New York reporters say of the real French ball, and there were numerous questions about the time when the next would go.

"One o'clock!"

Then a little difference between a couple of friends occurred. One of them courted a good thumping and when his friends pulled him out of the snow he was a badly battered specimen of humanity. Before the next car started he couldn't see out of one eye, and nothing but a Pennsylvania stogie was long enough for him to smoke without burning his lips.

About 12 o'clock the dozen or more masked or costumed dancers and two score who were neither masked nor in costume were swinging about the room in a waltz, and the sightseers wondered where all the ballet girls in pink tights were. There was not a single costume which would have attracted the attention of the veriest prude at a New Year's masquerade at the Casino. At 12:30 there was another slight difference of opinion, which was pushed out into the snow. Manager Bellenger calmed the arguers and then the crowd was given a real treat by two young women from Paterson, one of whom had just informed an admirer who sought her aquaintance that there was "no rope on her." These two gave a cake walk in a style that is not often excelled and would have won plaudits in Proctor's.

It was 12.45 and still the fun had not waxed into anything like "mad revelry." A few Fulton street belles who had been occupants of a box went down to the platform to wait for a car, attention to them having fallen off since the last argument. Then as a "lady," who isn't as young as she used to be, was about to dance with another than her escort, another nose was smashed and Wallkill and Wawayanda were in a "scrap." This was a very warm engagement, and several who interfered lost neckties and cuticle in the operation.

"One o'clock!"

The car was in waiting, but it was half full of Goshenites, who wanted it to go to that village. The conductor sent it to this city, and a quiet, tired carload returned.

Two o'clock and there were signs of "mad revelry." The time of the music had changed and there were indications of a latent desire on the part of some of the dancers to puncture the upper strata of the atmosphere with slippered feet. As the time for the last car, 3 o'clock, approached the fun broke into a gallop, and those who said good morning to the milkmen on arriving here said the last hour was worth waiting for.

SEWER ASSESSMENTS.

Those for Montgomery Street and Linden Avenue and Hasbrouck Street Confirmed by Council—Wickham Avenue Assessment to Be Corrected.

The Common Council met, Thursday night, to hear grievances in the matter of the assessments for the Wickham avenue, Montgomery street and Linden avenue and Hasbrouck street sewers. President Tierney and Aldermen Waldorf and Barnes were present at the time appointed for the meeting. A policeman was sent after Aldermen O'Neill and Lawrence, the former of whom was suffering with a cold, while the latter was to be installed as an officer at Middletown Lodge, I. O. O. F.

W. B. Royce appeared in behalf of Mrs. Richard S. Sayer, of Englewood, and Mrs. Charles Clark, of this city, owners of the Low block at Wickham avenue and Chattle street. He claimed that as this block had been heavily assessed for the North street sewer, with which it is connected, it was assessed too heavily for the Wickham avenue sewer. The assessors, Messrs. Purvis, Duryea and Harding, were present and Mr. Purvis explained that they did not know that the property was assessed for the North street sewer, and the confirming of this assessments was laid over until the assessors could make corrections.

The other assessments were confirmed and then a recess was taken until the regular meeting.

Alderman Lawrence apologized for being late at the meeting and explained why it occurred.

FOUR MORE SOLDIERS HOME.

Privates Case, Conkling, Cooperuall and Meaney Reached Home To-day—Brought Good News from Those Left Behind.

Four more of Middletown's "boys in blue" reached home, to-day, from Honolulu. They were:

Private A. L. Case.
" Burtis Conkling.
" W. I. Cooperuail.
" Thomas Meaney.

After twenty-four hours of anxious meeting of trains the relatives of the boys were not on hand at the Erie station at 10:41, this morning, when three of these did reach here, Private Meaney having alighted at Greycourt. The few about the station gave the boys a warm greeting, however, and then the soldiers reported to First Sergeant J. E. Barnes at Recorder's Court. They left their equipments there and hurried to their homes.

The soldiers left Honolulu December 27, aboard the Australia. They had very rough weather, and when one wave struck them and carried away the whole superstructure on the hurricane deck, putting two feet of water in the cabin and putting out all the lights on board the ship, the boys expected that the vessel would sink. The Australia is 245 feet long and forty feet wide, and is a high roller. They came from Fishkill to-day.

The boys saw Privates Beakes and Fredericks at San Francisco. Both are doing nicely. Private Robinson reached San Francisco, Thursday.

Nine boys are still absent, six besides the three at San Francisco—Corporals Stedman, Gould and Wilkinson, and Privates Babcock, Loane and Borst.

Was on the Wrecked Lehigh Valley Train.

Peter Laskaris, one of the proprietors of the Palace Confectionery store on North street, was a passenger on the excursion train which was wrecked on the Lehigh Valley, Monday. He writes his brother here that he was badly shaken up but that he escaped with a few unimportant bruises.

A Rare Musical Treat.

Mme Goerka, the celebrated prima donna soprano, and M. Stangl-Coccejo, the renowned violinist, appear at Bradnack's music house, on next Tuesday evening. Tickets now on sale at Bradnack's. 35 and 50c. 1t

Real Estate Notes.

—A. V. Boak, real estate agent, has sold for Mrs. Lois C. Noble, executrix of William C. Noble, deceased, the house and large lot, No. 46 Hanford street, to Charles R. Clauson, of this city, who takes possession March 1st, next.

—The Rock Spring Farm, owned a few years ago by Charles H. VanDervort, was sold at partition sale, last Friday, by Referee W. F. O'Neill, at the Demerest House, to Mrs. Sarah E. McConnell, the defendant. Price, with liens for taxes and expenses, about $4,000. The farm consists of over ninety-one acres.—*Warwick Advertiser.*

In the Social World.

—Miss Gertrude Hulse entertained the Young Ladies' Whist Club, Thursday afternoon, at her home on West Main street. The favor fell to Miss Grace Macardell.

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AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Funeral of Mrs. Messenger—Death of a Child—Other Notes.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—The funeral of Mrs. Sarah B. Messinger, who died at the home of her daughter, in this village, Wednesday night, was held from her late residence at 2:30 this afternoon. The remains will be interred at Basking Ridge, N. J.

—Fred Larkin, of New York, is visiting his parents.

—Jennie, daughter of Frank and Sadie Reed, died Wednesday, aged one month.

—Charles Peck, of Addison, N. Y., is visiting in this village. He is a former resident.

—Mrs. Clarence M. Vail returned to her home in Brooklyn, to-day.

GUARDING THE CASINO.

Special Officer On Duty There at Night—The Dynamo Tampered With—An Intruder Frightened Away by the Discharge of Engineer Budd's Rifle

A special officer was on duty Thursday night in the Casino theatre, and his orders were to prevent the entrance to the building of any one not properly authorized to enter.

This was made necessary by what happened at the building Wednesday night. During the afternoon Stage Manager Frank T. Smith discovered that some one had twisted and broken the wire on the dynamo, until the lighting plant was useless. The mischief had been done in such a place that it would not be easily discovered. Mr. Smith, who is an expert electrician, fixed the break, and Engineer Budd went home and got his gun and volunteered to remain on guard all night. He did so. About 8:30 he heard a noise of moving furniture in a store adjoining the engine room. When the door leading to the engine room was apparently tried by some one on the other side, Mr. Budd called out: "Who's there?" There was no answer, but the door was again tried. Mr. Budd repeated his challenge and there still being no reply he discharged the rifle. All became quiet at once in the adjoining room, and there was no further excitement for the engineer.

An armed special office will now be kept on guard there until every lock in the building has been changed and every possibility of entering it unlawfully has been done away with.

OBITUARY.

William B. Mapes.

William B. Mapes died, Thursday, at the residence of Mrs. Francis Cairns, near Highland Lake, in his seventy-first year.

The deceased had been in poor health for two years, his fatal illness being of two weeks' duration. He was born in the town of Wallkill, seventy years ago, being one of eleven children of Josiah and Gesilah Helm Mapes. Four brothers and three sisters survive: Isaac, of Port Jervis; Thomas A., of this city; Seth, of Wellsville, Mo., Richard, of Highland Lake; Mrs. Phoebe Mapes, of Monticello; Mrs. Asa Morehouse and Miss Julia C. Mapes, of this city.

The deceased had been a farmer all of his life, and was employed by Mrs. Cairns, where he died. He was a member of the Congregational Church at Howells.

RECORDER BARNES'S MAILED HAND

A Wife Beater Sent Up for a Year—Same Sentence for a Scrappy Darkey

Recorder Barnes cannot stand wife-beaters and bullies. This morning he had before him Joseph Koelsch, who resided with his family at 33 West Main street. Koelsch had beaten and kicked his wife and robbed the children of their sustenance. Recorder Barnes promptly slated him for a year's residence at Albany.

Geo. Wallace, a colored individual, who assaulted John Cummings, a few months ago, was captured by the police, Thursday night, on reappearing in this city. He, too, will spend a year at Albany.

Funeral of Mrs E. C. Corwin.

Mrs. Eri C. Corwin was buried in Hillside Cemetery, this afternoon, the services being held at 2 o'clock at her late home, No. 12 Monhagen avenue. Rev. Dr Beattie officiated. The bearers were Ira L. Corwin, Oscar E. Owen, J. J. Duryea and Henry L. Genung.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS
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WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—Rain to-night and Saturday; warmer; southeasterly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 26°; 12 m., 28°; 3 p. m., 30°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—Jan. 14—"O'Hooligan's Wedding," at Casino
—Jan. 18.—Field's Minstrels, at Casino.
—Jan. 24—Y. M. C. A. entertainment. Dr. Eugene May, at the Casino.
—Jan. 27—Y. P. S. C. E. rally at the Congregational Church.
—Feb. 13—McQuaid's annual ball, at Casino.
—Feb. 14—Y. M. C. A. entertainment, Rev. Russell H. Conwell, at the Casino.

Even a cursory study of the personnel of the legislative committees make it apparent that they have been so constituted that they can be depended upon to kill any measure that is not in the interest of the corporations and monopolies that contribute liberally to Republican campaign funds.

Senator Wagner, Democrat, of Brooklyn, has introduced a bill which repeals the Raines law and restores to towns and cities the control of the liquor traffic. There is, however, no chance of the passage of the bill, for the Republican strength in the Senate and Assembly will be solidly arrayed against it.

The Senate Committee, which investigated the scheme to establish a hospital for consumptives in the Adirondacks, has made a favorable report, in which it recommends the expenditure of $150,000 for the erection and equipment of a hospital to accommodate 200 patients. The Legislature will probably think several times before it makes such an appropriation. To make consumptives objects of State care would be a radically new departure that would logically lead to the State assuming the care of victims of other diseases, and there is a general feeling that the State has already gone as far as it ought to do in its charitable and beneficent work. In fact there are men in public life who do not hesitate to say that the chief reason for the increased cost of the State government is the fact that of late years legislators have gone daft on the subject of State charities.

LONG EDDY.

Death of John Geer—Many Cases of Grip—Lease of a Hotel—Broken Bones—Other Notes.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—The funeral of John Geer was held, Monday, at the M. E. Church. He was eighty-four years and eleven months old. He had the secret of using different herbs to cure rattlesnake bites and made a business of catching rattlesnakes, and getting the grease and galls which he sold.

—There is hardly a family in town that has not some of its members sick with grip. The doctor is kept busy early and late attending his patients and some have to go unattended.

—Carly, son of C. T. Batsford, fell down the steps, the other day, and broke his ankle bone.

—S. E. Hempstead, of Gulf Summit, visited his sick mother, Mrs. H. Hempstead, a day or two ago.

—G. S. Wieland, of the River View House, Narrowsburgh, has rented the Van Benschoten hotel here, and took possession January 1st.

—Edward Ryan, of this place, and Alice Carr, of Hankins, have been married, and their many friends are extending their hearty congratulations.

—Mrs. Thos. Wilcot had the misfortune to fall on the ice and break a bone in her wrist. Dr. Stearns set the fractured member.

—The funeral of Irvin Furch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Furch, was held Wednesday at the M. E. Church. A large concourse of friends and relatives gathered to pay their last tribute to the departed. He was eighteen years old. The family have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

—Mrs. E. Hinaman is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. Hempstead, at Yonkers.

—Mr. and Mrs. B. Higher are visiting their parents at Narrowsburgh.

—Patrick Downey, of Port Jervis, recently visited his father, J. Downey, who is under Dr. Stearns' care for malarial fever.

—Mrs. C. W. Southworth, of Oneonta, was with her sister, Mrs. L. Furch, during the illness of the latter's son.

—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stoddard, of Masonville, are visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. C. T. Batsford.

—Mrs. Frank Weaver and family, of Suffern, are visiting her brother, W. B. Gordon.

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EGAN'S ABUSE OF MILES.

War Commission Censured Egan for His Outbreak and Returns Paper—President's Promise to Protect Witnesses May Shield Egan for All Penalties for His Indecency.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The War Investigating Commission, to-day, passed a resolution of censure on Gen. Egan for the language used, yesterday, when he appeared to answer the charges made against the commissary branch of the army by Maj. Gen. Miles and returned him the carefully prepared typewritten statement which he left with the commission after reading it to that body. With its return was sent a letter explaining that was done that abusive and irrelevant matters might be eliminated.

Army circles, this morning, had scarcely recovered from the shock received, yesterday, by the statement of Commissary General Egan. The sober second judgment of the coolest minds on both sides, meaning by that friends of Gen. Egan and friends of Gen. Miles, is inclined to the opinion that no action will follow yesterday's eruption.

It has already been intimated at army headquarters, accepting theoretically Gen. Eagan's disclamor of his responsibility to Maj. Gen. Miles commanding the army as binding, that this places responsibility for anything he says or does on the department. The department itself, however, is stopped from action in this case by the fact that the President had given his solemn promise to protect witnesses who might appear before the war investigating commission from the consequences of any testimony they might give there.

When Gen. Miles made first statement before the commission, in which he spoke of embalmed beef, Gen. Egan resented this, but found he could not prefer charges against Gen. Miles of slandering him, because the President's promise protected the commanding general. Gen. Egan then addressed a letter to Gen. Miles to learn if he had said the things published in newspapers as part of his testimony. The purpose was to secure a repetition, if possible, outside the commission's chambers of the offensive statements, in which case a foundation, Gen. Egan thought, might have been laid for formal charges. This attempt failed and Gen. Egan availed himself of the same means, according to his friends, of redressing his grievances. According to this view, therefore, the matter has narrowed down to a personal issue between the two officers.

CONSIDERED BY THE CABINET.

At to-day's Cabinet meeting much time was consumed in the discussion of Gen. Egan's testimony before the war investigating commission, yesterday. All the members of the Cabinet commend the action of the commission in declining to receive the manuscript of Gen. Egan's testimony until the objectionable epithets have been expurgated.

There is no doubt that the President deeply regrets the incident and it is almost certain official cognizance will be taken of the matter very soon.

THE UNION MEETINGS.

A Large Attendance and Much Interest Manifested in Last Night's Meeting.

There was a large attendance at the union meeting at the First Congregational Church, Thursday night.

Rev. Dr. Winters preached an able and instructive sermon and his words of advise and appeal were delivered earnestly and effectively. Prayers were offered and a deep sense of religious obligation prevaded the meeting.

Slips of paper were placed in each pew, and some names of those in whose behalf prayers were asked were handed to those in charge of the meeting.

Union Y. P. S. C. E. Meeting.

The union Y. P. S. C. E. meeting has been planned to be held at the First Baptist Church, Saturday evening.

The services are to commence at 7:30 and to be led by William A. Hartin. The subject is "Our Opportunities," and it is expected that every one will have an opportunity to take a brief part. A meeting full of life and joy is expected. Good singing from Gospel Hymns No. 6.

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The donations, which considerably exceeded those of any previous year, were as follows:

Four pumpkins, ½ bushel apples, ½ barrel apples, Geo. W. Clark; basket of grapes, Mrs. H. W. Wiggins; ½ bushel turnips, Mrs. Halstead; 1 peck of grapes, $25, Mrs. Webb Horton; 24 cans of fruit, Mrs. M. E. Knight, Monroe; 2 cans of tomatoes, 2 glasses of jelly, Mrs. E. T. Treat; 4 glasses of jelly, Mrs. H. Wickham; 1 turkey, Dr. Talcott; 1 barrel of vegetables, Mrs. Halstead; 1 large turkey, Mrs. George Clemson; 6 quarts of stewed cranberries, Mrs. R. H. Dolson; 10 pounds candy, S. T. Cannon; 6 glasses jelly, Mrs. J. C. Wickham, New Hampton; ½ bushel apples, Rev. David Winters; 5 cans of peas, 4 quarts of cranberries, Mrs. Ira M. Corwin; 1 turkey, Wm. Greening; 2 cans peaches, 2 bowls jelly, Mrs. D. Beattie; 4 pies, Mrs. Halstead; 3 glasses of jelly, Mrs. F. Stratton; 6 glasses currant jam, Miss Emma R. Shafer; 3 glasses currant jelly, 2 cans spiced currants, barral of potatoes and squash, Mrs. R. M. Crosby, Thompson Ridge; 10 pounds sugar, 3 pounds tea, 3 pounds coffee, 1 dozen oranges, 1 basket grapes, Mrs. W. D. Stratton; 3 pounds candy, 5 pounds fancy cakes, 2 pounds graham crackers, 3 pounds white grapes, 2 dozen bananas, Mrs. Fanny Drake; turkey, Andrew Brown; dozen bananas, Mrs. Wilkes; loaf of bread, Mrs. W. H. Crawford; large china fruit dish, Tea Store; $5, Hart Davis; $5, Mrs. A. M. Phillips; bed quilt, Meadow Brook Church, through Mrs. John Goodman.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 16 North street, Middletown, N. Y. Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

New York, Jan. 13, '99.

	Yesterday Close	To-day Close
Sugar	136¼	127¼
Tobacco	146⅝	147⅞
Chicago Gas	111⅝	111⅛
Nat. Lead	38	38¾
General Electric	100¾	100½
U. S. L., pref.	72⅝	71⅝
Tenn. Coal and Iron	36½	36⅝
A. T. & S. F.	21⅝	21½
C. B. & Q.	127¾	130½
C. M. & St. P.	123⅜	124½
E. I.	115¼	116
D. L. & W.	—	—
C. of N. J.	101¼	102⅞
Erie	15¼	15
D. and H.	111⅝	112
O. & W.	20⅛	20
Susquehanna & Western	—	—
Susquehanna & West., pref.	—	—
P. & R.	22⅝	23
N. W.	143¾	144
L. S.		
N. Y. C.	123⅝	124¾
M. P.	45⅝	46⅛
Texas	18¾	18
U. P.	45	46¾
W. Union	94⅞	95⅛
L. & N.	65⅜	66¼
Manhattan	106½	108⅝
P. M.	44¾	46
Wabash, pref.	22⅛	23
No. Pacific, pref.	78⅛	78⅝
Metropolitan Traction	190	190½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	89⅛	94⅝
Southern, pref.	45¼	46¾
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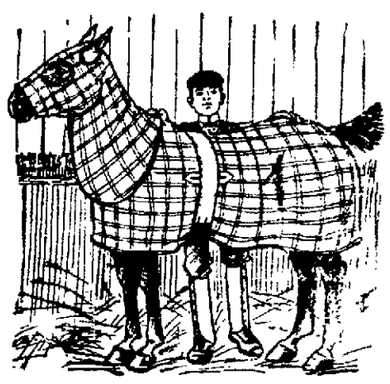

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LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—*Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.*

—The case of Gately & Fitzgerald and A. P. Jacobus has been settled.

—The Maccabees postponed their installation, Thursday night.

—Field's Minstrels will appear at the Casino, Wednesday, Jan. 18th.

—Everybody is invited to "O'Hooligan's Wedding," Saturday night.

—The Wallkill hat works will resume work in all departments, Monday.

—John L. Starr has taken the agency for Hooker, Grover & Co., nurserymen of Rochester.

—Tuesday evening, January 24th, is the date of the "Chimes of Normandy" company's visit to Ellenville.

—"O'Hooligan's Wedding," the greatest laughing success of recent years, at the Casino, Saturday night.

—We are in receipt of a very neatly designed and handsomely printed calendar from the Port Jervis *Gazette*.

—Special low prices of admission are announced by Manager Lea for "O'Hooligan's Wedding," Saturday night.

—The Pastime Social Club held a jolly dance at its rooms at East Main street and Railroad avenue, Thursday night

—This is Friday, the 13th day of the month, and anything going wrong should be laid to this aggregation of hoodoos.

—There has never been a band in this city that could equal that of the 24th. Encourage the organization by attending its concert and ball, January 26.

—C. L. Elwood, as assignee of Perriman & Simpson, will sell the uncollected and disputed book accounts at auction at the office of Vanemee & Vail, Tuesday, Jan. 17.

—"O'Hooligan's Wedding" at the Casino, Saturday night, is the greatest laugh producer on the road. The company is said to be a first class one in every respect.

PERSONAL.

—Erford Launt, of this city, is visiting in Rockland.

—Mrs. Eliza Smith, of Katonah, is visiting at John L. Wiggins'.

—John S. Conkling, the mail carrier, was unable to take his route, to-day.

—J. M. Brink, of the Fulton street market, is confined to his home by an attack of the grip.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith, of 208½ North street, and their three children, are all sick with the grip.

—Orrin Broadhead, of White Sulphur Springs, has secured a position in the State Hospital in this city.

—John Faulkenbury, of Middletown, is visiting relatives at Warwick, while on a short vacation.—*Dispatch.*

—Mrs. Susan Friend, who has been very seriously ill at the home of her daughters in New York city, is very much better.

—Charles Jones, of 84 Linden avenue, left town, to-day, for Stapleton, L. I., where he has accepted a position with the Midland Traction Co.

—The Misses Annie Waisnegger and Jessie Simerson, of Middletown, are making a visit in town. * * * Ernest Schoomaker and Harry Sharpe of Middletown, visited at the resident of Mrs. M. Wecht, over Sunday.—*Ellenville Press.*

—Fred P. Robertson, of Middletown, spent several days last week with friends in town. * * * Jacob Charlock, of Middletown, returned home on Monday, having spent several days visiting his daughter, Mrs. William Hehn, on Shepard street.—*Walton Times.*

HYMENEAL.

Morford—Vail.

H. C. Kelsey Morford, of New York, and Cora Cline, daughter of B. F. Vail, were married in Christ Church, Warwick, Tuesday, at noon. A reception followed at the home of the bride, after which Mr. and Mrs. Morford were driven to Goshen where they took an Erie train. They will reside in Brooklyn.

The ushers at the church were J. F. Congleton and Frank H. Sheppard, of New York; Dudley F. Upjohn and F. A. Michel, of Brooklyn. Fred L. Morford, a brother of the groom, of New Brighton, Staten Island, was the groom's best man. Miss Pauline Frances Vail, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were Miss Virginia Trusdell Morford, of Newton, and Miss Julia Cowdrey Grier, of Goshen. The maids all wore dresses of pink mull and black velvet hats, presenting a very stylish appearance. They carried pink roses. The bride's gown was of white satin with white veil. Miss Vail carried a bunch of lilies of the valley. The bride's favors to her maids were gold breastpins fashioned in the form of a tiny wreath.

Will Be Made a Summer Resort.

Chas. Davis, who recently purchased the village of Glen Eyre in Pike county, Pa., proposes to transform the property into a summer resort. The dilapidated cottages in the village will be replaced by new ones, the hotel will be enlarged and modernized and the attractions of the hundreds of acres of wood land in the tract developed.

NOT AS BAD AS EXPECTED

"FRENCH BALL" AT THE COTTAGE THEATRE A DISAPPOINTMENT.

Not as Tough as the Crowd in Attendance Hoped For—Many Spectators and But Few Masked Dancers—No Costumes That Were Loud or Suggestive—Several Scraps Afforded More Entertainment Than the Dance—A Little "Mad Revelry" After Midnight.

The "French Ball" at the Cottage Theatre, Mechanictown, Thursday night, was a disappointment to the sightseers from this city. The fact that it was to be a masquerade and that the cars were going to run until 3 o'clock promised a great deal to the man who occasionally strays from the quietude of Middletown to scenes of gayer life. In consequence the cars of the very early evening carried a large number of people in the direction of Goshen, the idea seeming to prevail that getting off at the Mechanictown station so early indicated a legitimate errand. About 9:30, however, the people who "didn't give a darn" began to leave Franklin Square. In fact, the 9:30 car was packed by a crowd of people who seemed to have been "getting an edge on" here so as to be up with those who might have had an earlier "start" at the ball.

The Cottage Theatre is a venture of Charles H. Bellinger. It is in the rear and twice connected with his Cottage Hotel. For several years a vaudeville show has been there nightly, and on Thursday nights of late a dance has been given. The regular attendants of these dances are mainly young men of this city, Goshen, and from the farms about. The other sex gets there from somewhere, but there are enough "ladies" present to keep the floor lively after the performance. The performances on the whole compared favorably with those found in concert halls in New York.

Thursday night it was expected that the costumes of the fair sex would be on the real French ball style, and a list of "rubbers" from this city and Goshen in attendance would make very interesting reading. Most of these found partial seclusion in the seven or eight boxes, which are built in the balcony and on either side of the stage. These are hung with heavy tapestries, and seclusion is assured from the front, and a kind-hearted man named "Ed," who serves refreshments, will slip you a key so that intruders are also barred. The stage boxes, though, are frequented by the performers and the "Johnnies," and despite all a six-footer named "Mike" could do, at the French ball, masked and unmasked dancers pushed curtains aside and "rubbered."

At 11 o'clock, the sheds, barns, tie posts and fences were anchors for horses driven into the yard at rattling speed, one sleigh upsetting in the operation and throwing the couple out. On the floor of the pavilion, seated about round tables were two hundred well known Middletowners. There had been a fair song by a dark-eyed little woman, who had mastered all the latest coon steps, and a coon song by a stout soubrette in Seymour skirts, who had not mastered any particular steps except those which led down into the right hand box where the best "good thing Johnnies" were.

The crowd of first timers became a little discouraged when 11 o'clock passed and there had been no "mad revelry," as the New York reporters say of the real French ball, and there were numerous questions about the time when the next would go.

"One o'clock!"

Then a little difference between a couple of friends occurred. One of them courted a good thumping and when his friends pulled him out of the snow he was a badly battered specimen of humanity. Before the next car started he couldn't see out of one eye, and nothing but a Pennsylvania stogie was long enough for him to smoke without burning his lips.

About 12 o'clock the dozen or more masked or costumed dancers and two score who were neither masked nor in costume were swinging about the room in a waltz, and the sightseers wondered where all the ballet girls in pink tights were. There was not a single costume which would have attracted the attention of the veriest prude at a New Year's masquerade at the Casino. At 12:30 there was another slight difference of opinion, which was pushed out into the snow. Manager Bellenger calmed the arguers and then the crowd was given a real treat by two young women from Paterson, one of whom had just informed an admirer who sought her aquaintance that there was "no rope on her." These two gave a cake walk in a style that is not often excelled and would have won plaudits in Proctor's.

It was 12.45 and still the fun had not waxed into anything like "mad revelry." A few Fulton street belles who had been occupants of a box went down to the platform to wait for a car, attention to them having fallen off since the last argument. Then as a "lady," who isn't as young as she used to be, was about to dance with another than her escort, another nose was smashed and Wallkill and Wawayanda were in a "scrap." This was a very warm engagement, and several who interfered lost neckties and cuticle in the operation.

"One o'clock!"

The car was in waiting, but it was half full of Goshenites, who wanted it to go to that village. The conductor sent it to this city, and a quiet, tired carload returned.

Two o'clock and there were signs of "mad revelry." The time of the music had changed and there were indications of a latent desire on the part of some of the dancers to puncture the upper strata of the atmosphere with slippered feet. As the time for the last car, 3 o'clock, approached the fun broke into a gallop, and those who said good morning to the milkmen on arriving here said the last hour was worth waiting for.

SEWER ASSESSMENTS.

Those for Montgomery Street and Linden Avenue and Hasbrouck Street Confirmed by Council—Wickham Avenue Assessment to Be Corrected.

The Common Council met, Thursday night, to hear grievances in the matter of the assessments for the Wickham avenue, Montgomery street and Linden avenue and Hasbrouck street sewers. President Tierney and Aldermen Waldorf and Barnes were present at the time appointed for the meeting. A policeman was sent after Aldermen O'Neill and Lawrence, the former of whom was suffering with a cold, while the latter was to be installed as an officer at Middletown Lodge, I. O. O. F.

W. B. Royce appeared in behalf of Mrs. Richard S. Sayer, of Englewood, and Mrs. Charles Clark, of this city, owners of the Low block at Wickham avenue and Chattle street. He claimed that as this block had been heavily assessed for the North street sewer, with which it is connected, it was assessed too heavily for the Wickham avenue sewer. The assessors, Messrs. Purvis, Duryea and Harding, were present and Mr. Purvis explained that they did not know that the property was assessed for the North street sewer, and the confirming of this assessments was laid over until the assessors could make corrections.

The other assessments were confirmed and then a recess was taken until the regular meeting.

Alderman Lawrence apologized for being late at the meeting and explained why it occurred.

FOUR MORE SOLDIERS HOME.

Privates Case, Conkling, Coopernail and Meaney Reached Home To-day—Brought Good News from Those Left Behind.

Four more of Middletown's "boys in blue" reached home, to-day, from Honolulu. They were:

Private A. L. Case.
" Burtis Conkling.
" W. I. Coopernail.
" Thomas Meaney.

After twenty-four hours of anxious meeting of trains the relatives of the boys were not on hand at the Erie station at 10:41, this morning, when three of these did reach here, Private Meaney having alighted at Greycourt. The few about the station gave the boys a warm greeting, however, and then the soldiers reported to First Sergeant J. E. Barnes at Recorder's Court. They left their equipments there and hurried to their homes.

The soldiers left Honolulu December 27, aboard the Australia. They had very rough weather, and when one wave struck them and carried away the whole superstructure on the hurricane deck, putting two feet of water in the cabin and putting out all the lights on board the ship, the boys expected that the vessel would sink. The Australia is 245 feet long and forty feet wide, and is a high roller. They came from Fishkill to-day.

The boys saw Privates Beakes and Fredericks at San Francisco. Both are doing nicely. Private Robinson reached San Francisco, Thursday.

Nine boys are still absent, six besides the three at San Francisco—Corporals Stedman, Gould and Wilkinson, and Privates Babcock, Loane and Borst.

Was on the Wrecked Lehigh Valley Train.

Peter Laskaris, one of the proprietors of the Palace Confectionery store on North street, was a passenger on the excursion train which was wrecked on the Lehigh Valley, Monday. He writes his brother here that he was badly shaken up but that he escaped with a few unimportant bruises.

A Rare Musical Treat.

Mme Goerka, the celebrated prima donna soprano, and M. Stangl-Coccejo, the renowned violinist, appear at Bradnack's music house, on next Tuesday evening. Tickets now on sale at Bradnack's, 35 and 50c. 1t

Real Estate Notes.

—A. V. Boak, real estate agent, has sold for Mrs. Lois C. Noble, executrix of William C. Noble, deceased, the house and large lot, No. 46 Hanford street, to Charles R. Clauson, of this city, who takes possession March 1st, next.

—The Rock Spring Farm, owned a few years ago by Charles H. VanDervort, was sold at partition sale, last Friday, by Referee W. F. O'Neill, at the Demerest House, to Mrs. Sarah E. McConnell, the defendant. Price, with liens for taxes and expenses, about $4,000. The farm consists of over ninety-one acres.—*Warwick Advertiser.*

In the Social World.

—Miss Gertrude Hulse entertained the Young Ladies' Whist Club, Thursday afternoon, at her home on West Main street. The favor fell to Miss Grace Macardell.

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AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Funeral of Mrs. Messenger—Death of a Child—Other Notes.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—The funeral of Mrs. Sarah B. Messinger, who died at the home of her daughter, in this village, Wednesday night, was held from her late residence at 2:30 this afternoon. The remains will be interred at Basking Ridge, N. J.

—Fred Larkin, of New York, is visiting his parents.

—Jennie, daughter of Frank and Sadie Reed, died Wednesday, aged one month.

—Charles Peck, of Addison, N. Y., is visiting in this village. He is a former resident.

—Mrs. Clarence M. Vail returned to her home in Brooklyn, to-day.

GUARDING THE CASINO.

Special Officer On Duty There at Night—The Dynamo Tampered With—An Intruder Frightened Away by the Discharge of Engineer Budd's Rifle

A special officer was on duty Thursday night in the Casino theatre, and his orders were to prevent the entrance to the building of any one not properly authorized to enter.

This was made necessary by what happened at the building Wednesday night. During the afternoon Stage Manager Frank T. Smith discovered that some one had twisted and broken the wire on the dynamo, until the lighting plant was useless. The mischief had been done in such a place that it would not be easily discovered. Mr. Smith, who is an expert electrician, fixed the break, and Engineer Budd went home and got his gun and volunteered to remain on guard all night. He did so. About 8:30 he heard a noise of moving furniture in a store adjoining the engine room. When the door leading to the engine room was apparently tried by some one on the other side, Mr. Budd called out: "Who's there?" There was no answer, but the door was again tried. Mr. Budd repeated his challenge and there still being no reply he discharged the rifle. All became quiet at once in the adjoining room, and there was no further excitement for the engineer.

An armed special office will now be kept on guard there until every lock in the building has been changed and every possibility of entering it unlawfully has been done away with.

OBITUARY.

William B. Mapes.

William B. Mapes died, Thursday, at the residence of Mrs. Francis Cairns, near Highland Lake, in his seventy-first year.

The deceased had been in poor health for two years, his fatal illness being of two weeks' duration. He was born in the town of Wallkill, seventy years ago, being one of eleven children of Josiah and Gesilah Helm Mapes. Four brothers and three sisters survive: Isaac, of Port Jervis; Thomas A., of this city; Seth, of Wellsville, Mo., Richard, of Highland Lake; Mrs. Phoebe Mapes, of Monticello; Mrs. Asa Morehouse and Miss Julia C. Mapes, of this city.

The deceased had been a farmer all of his life, and was employed by Mrs. Cairns, where he died. He was a member of the Congregational Church at Howells.

RECORDER BARNES'S MAILED HAND

A Wife Beater Sent Up for a Year—Same Sentence for a Scrappy Darkey

Recorder Barnes cannot stand wife-beaters and bullies. This morning he had before him Joseph Koelsch, who resided with his family at 33 West Main street. Koelsch had beaten and kicked his wife and robbed the children of their sustenance. Recorder Barnes promptly slated him for a year's residence at Albany.

Geo. Wallace, a colored individual, who assaulted John Cummings, a few months ago, was captured by the police, Thursday night, on reappearing in this city. He, too, will spend a year at Albany.

Funeral of Mrs. E. C. Corwin.

Mrs. Eri C. Corwin was buried in Hillside Cemetery, this afternoon, the services being held at 2 o'clock at her late home, No. 12 Monhagen avenue. Rev. Dr Beattie officiated. The bearers were Ira L. Corwin, Oscar E. Owen, J. J. Duryea and Henry L. Genung.

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A FIRST DEBT

By Florence B. Hallowell.

WHEN I was a little girl my brother Jack and I used to be sent once a year to Germantown, near Philadelphia, to spend a month with Uncle and Aunt Parsons, who had no children of their own.

So much effort was made during our visit to give us a good time, and so indulgent were uncle and aunt to our every wish, that we would always willingly have remained much longer had our parents consented.

But mother declared that she could not spare us a single day over the stated time, and uncle was very particular to send us home promptly on the day agreed upon.

Uncle's house was on Rittenhouse street, and, though old-fashioned, was very comfortable and convenient. The one next to it was occupied by an old gentleman named Reed, who, we were told, had lost his wife and three children by an accident on a railway, and had ever since lived in the strictest seclusion.

Jack and I saw him very often at his gate or on the street; but he seldom took any notice of us, and consequently we stood greatly in awe of him.

One afternoon in December, when only two days more remained to us of our annual visit, Jack and I were walking along Main street on our way home from an attorney's office to which we had been sent on an errand, when suddenly Jack stopped before the window of a hardware store, in which hung several pairs of skates.

"I wish Uncle Andrew had given me a pair of skates as a parting gift instead of that sled," he said, in a discontented tone. "I won't be able to go skating much longer unless I have a new pair. My old ones are three sizes too small."

"But don't ask Uncle Andrew for them," I said. "He has given us so much already."

"I don't believe he would care a bit if I got a pair and had them charged," said Jack. "He has an account here, I know. I could write him about it after I got home, and pay him out of my Christmas money."

Before I could reply a hand fell heavily on Jack's shoulder, and, looking up, we saw old Mr. Reed standing beside us.

"You're wrong, my boy," he said, in a grave, earnest tone. "Never run in debt if you can avoid it, and never mortgage your expectations. It is a bad custom. I speak from experience, and will tell you the story if you care to hear it."

Jack was too much mortified and embarrassed to speak, and I was so much frightened by the old gentleman's stern tone and grave face that I could not have uttered a word had I tried.

Mr. Reed apparently did not notice our silence, but led the way to his house, and took us into his library, a light, pleasant room, with well-filled bookcases against every wall, and a big desk, covered with letters and papers, under the chandelier.

He gave us each a comfortable chair and then seated himself on a low sofa opposite us.

"You see me now, a gray-headed old man, Jack," he said, "but I was once a boy like yourself, and enjoyed skating, riding, dancing and cricket, just as you do. But I had no kind parents. They died before I was old enough to understand my loss and left me to the care of my grandfather, a stern, proud old man, with an iron will. Upright and honest himself, living by rule and precept, he had little charity for the faults of others, and punished the most trivial errors of my childhood with the most relentless severity.

"But he was extremely fond of me, nevertheless, and I returned his affection, though, as was only natural, I stood much in awe of him, and had a wholesome dread of his displeasure.

"He had a large plantation and owned nearly 100 slaves, and, as was customary among the youth of Kentucky in those days, I spent each morning with my tutor and the rest of the day as I pleased.

"My grandfather gave me a liberal allowance, which ought to have been sufficient to gratify my wants, but I was naturally extravagant, and as I grew older I found it extremely irksome to be obliged to practice economy and self-denial toward the end of every month. But I knew it would be useless to ask my grandfather to increase my allowance, for he considered it ample for my needs.

"One day when in Danville I went to a shoe store to buy a pair of pumps, for I was going to a party that evening and my old ones were not presentable. But as I entered the store I suddenly remembered that it was almost the end of the month, and I had only a dollar in my pocketbook.

"I hesitated a moment before replying to the clerk's inquiry as to my wants, for I knew that if I bought the pumps they would have to be charged, and I had learned from my grandfather to have a horror of debt.

"But the thought of the shabby condition of the old pumps decided me to make the purchase, and no comment was made when, in a low, hurried voice, I said: 'Charge them,' as the package was given into my hands. I was so well known and my grandfather was so highly respected that I could have obtained credit at any store in the town without the least difficulty.

"The party was a great success; but I had never enjoyed myself so little, for, whenever I happened to glance at my feet, I was reminded of that debt, and the thought of what my grandfather would say if he learned of it made me, old as I was, turn fairly sick at heart.

"But as time passed my conscience troubled me less and I did not carry out the determination I had formed at the party to pay for the pumps out of my next allowance. I concluded that it would do no harm, now that the debt was contracted, to defer payment until I could spare the money without making any sacrifice.

"Not long after this, I needed a pair of boots, and, though I had the money to pay for them, I had them charged to my account, for I had not enough to pay for the pumps also, and was ashamed to confess the fact.

"To the account, a little later, were added a pair of slippers and a pair of leather leggings, and, at the end of six months, my debt was so large that the idea of paying it out of my allowance was ridiculous, and, as is generally the case with people who get things on credit, I was losing all sensitiveness about it. My face did not flush when I accidentally met the proprietor of the shoe store, and on his asking me, one day, when I could settle with him, I turned him off with a joke.

"But the day of reckoning was close at hand. One morning in early summer, when I sat at breakfast with my grandfather, old Pompey came in with the mail.

"He always went to Danville for it some time during the forenoon, but, as fate would have it, he had gone earlier than usual this morning by several hours.

"My grandfather looked over the letters, and, selecting one on which was a printed advertisement, handed it over to me. At the same moment, he dismissed the two servants from the room.

"I have never forgotten how that envelope looked, with 'Bailey & Co., Fine Boots and Shoes,' in big letters, in one corner; and I can see now the ominous frown on my grandfather's face.

"'What is that, sir?' he asked, in a stern voice.

"I knew perfectly well that it was a bill, and I could not lie about it. So I remained silent.

"'Hand it here, sir!' said my grandfather.

"I dared not disobey, and in less time than it takes to tell it, my grandfather knew my secret.

"Never before had I seen him so angry. He denounced me as unworthy to bear his name, and told me in the plainest possible language what he thought of my conduct.

"'You contracted this debt, knowing that you had no means of paying it,' he said. 'You have taken this man's goods under false pretense. You have traded on my well-known integrity. You were trusted because you are my grandson. But until that debt is paid through your own endeavors, I refuse to recognize you as in any way related to me. You will keep your room in this house, if it so pleases you; but our meals will be served at different hours.'

"And, without giving me a chance to reply, he left the room.

"I was completely overwhelmed at the consequences of my folly, and for a time could think of nothing else. But at length the question of how I was to earn money to pay the debt intruded itself.

"I was 17 years of age, but I had never earned a dollar in my life, never done a stroke of work. I knew my grandfather too well to imagine that any arguments I could use would have any effect upon him. There was no hope whatever that I would be restored to his good graces until that debt was paid.

I took my gun and went out into the woods to think the matter over, but, after a tramp of four miles, I turned my steps homeward without having arrived at any solution of my difficulty.

"I had to cross a ferry in order to reach my grandfather's plantation, and I shouted to old Patrick, who kept the ferry house, to bring the boat over. But it was old Patrick's son, who lived several miles away, and whom I seldom saw, who came across.

"'Father's laid up with the lumbago,' he said, in answer to my inquiries. 'It looks as if he was going to have a bad spell. He'll have to get somebody to tend the ferry, for I can't stop any longer than to-day.'

"I suppose you can guess who the ferryman was for the next three months? I was ready to grasp at any chance, and here was something ready to my hand. I was strong and hardy, and old Patrick hired me willingly, though greatly surprised that I should want the work.

"Of course it wasn't pleasant. I had to be at the ferry house every morning by five o'clock, and stay until ten, and sometimes I had to ferry my young lady friends across, which made my heart nearly burst with shame and chagrin. But I lived through it, and learned a lesson I never forgot.

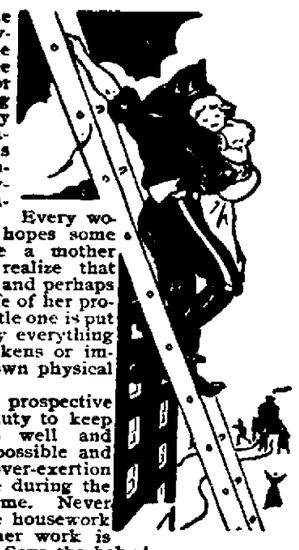
"I was as proud as a king when—the very day before my tutor was expected back to begin the fall term—I went to Bailey and paid that bill.

"I ate my dinner that day at my grandfather's table instead of in old Patrick's cabin. Nothing was said of the past, no allusion made to my return, but my grandfather was kinder in tone and manner to me than ever before, and on my eighteenth birthday, which occurred soon after, he increased my allowance.

"Occasionally we crossed the ferry together, and once, as we stepped on the boat, he glanced at me with a twinkle in his clear gray eyes and a smile about the corners of his mouth which I could not misunderstand, but to the day of his death he never mentioned again to me the subject of that dreadful bill.

"And you may be sure I never ran into debt again. When I couldn't pay cash for an article I wanted, I did without it."

Jack and I talked over the story after we had left Mr. Reed's, and I know it made a strong impression upon my brother's mind, for from that time forth he was extremely particular how he spent the money given him, and he kept his accounts in a small book with scrupulous exactness; and when, on the Christmas following that visit of which I have told you, Mr. Reed sent him a pair of handsome skates, he was as "happy as a king."—Golden Days.



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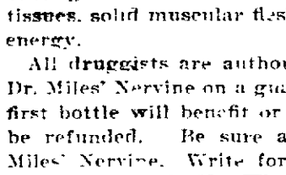

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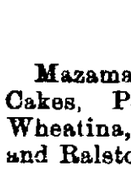

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"My address," said Mr. Bones, rising, "is 551 Park Villas, S. W., and I wish you all good night."—Tit-Bits.

Would Hurt His Business.

"Let us hope," said the good man "that the time will soon come when everyone will live at peace with his neighbor and even the trivial disagreements of ordinary life will be unknown."

Just then there was a commotion and a man was seen indignantly leaving the church.

"I regret," said the good man as he watched the retreating figure, "that I did not know before that there was a lawyer present."—Chicago Post.

The Open Door.

The statesmen talk of "open door,"
And tell its virtues o'er and o'er;
Such talk to me all foolish seems,
A relic of some summer dreams.
For when, as now, the blizzards blow,
And snow obscures all here below,
My only cry is: "Shut that door!"
—N. Y. Herald.

NOT A SUCCESS.

Snakler—I had been thinking of adopting the stage as a profession.

His Friend—You won't do for that; you're too easily rattled.—St. Louis Republic.

Hidden Beauty.

Full many a gem of purest ray serene
The dark, unfathomed caves of ocean bear;
Full many a maid has deeply blushed unseen
Because of heavy coats of pigment there.
—Chicago Daily News.

When He Works.

He was sitting with his feet on the desk, industriously smoking, when the taxpayer entered. Under the circumstances it seems hardly necessary to say that he was a public official.

"You are remarkably well paid for this job," suggested the taxpayer.

"Not when you consider the work necessary to get it," answered the official.—Chicago Post.

Fixing the Blame.

"I'd like to know why it is," said young Brokleigh to his tailor, "that every time you make a pair of trousers for me you get them a little short?"

"I don't know," was the reply, "unless it's because I usually find you that way when I present the bill."—Chicago Daily News.

Human Nature.

"You know," said the collector, rather plaintively, "you said that you would pay me if I came to-day."

"Well," answered Mr. Billdew, "you must bear in mind that human nature is human nature. The best of us sometimes say things that we are sorry for."

A Difference of Opinion.

He (showing picture to Miss Caustiane)—I think that picture was a rare bargain.

She—The bargain may have been rare, but you were certainly well done yourself!—Harlem Life.

One Secret She Keeps.

Dixon—Why is it that it is usually unmarried women who write articles on "How to Manage a Husband?"

Hixon—Oh! you don't suppose a married woman is going to give her little plan away, do you?—Tit-Bits.

Broke.

Mrs. Hiram—Supposing, Bridget, I should deduct from your wages the price of all the china you broke?

Bridget Brittledish—Well, mem, I guess I'd be loike the chaney.—Town Topics.

An Able Defense.

Mr. Bacon—I want to speak to you about your little boy. He stuck his tongue out at me, the other day, on the street.

Mr. Egbert—Perhaps he took you for a doctor.—Yonkers Statesman.

A Repeater.

"Watkins has a wonderful memory. I think he remembers nearly everything that ever happened to him."

"Yes; but he forgets that he has inflicted his reminiscences on everybody he knows."—Puck.

How It Originated.

Miss Wanterno—Who was it that said: "All the world loves a lover?"

Mr. Meanitall—Some jealous girl that had one.—Town Topics.

A Leonine Trait.

"I don't think that Mr. Eatington ever declines an invitation to dinner."

"Oh, no! He's a sort of social lion seeking what he may devour."—Puck.

Wasted Energy.

O, something to deplore is
That wasted hour when
We tell hair-raising stories
To stark bald-headed men

A Natural Error.

Mr. Gotham (angrily)—What do you mean, sir, by saying in your paper that while at Albany I spent my time among the saloons?

Editor—My dear sir, that was a printer's mistake. What I wrote was that you spent your time among the solons, meaning, of course, the members of the state legislature.

Mr. Gotham—Huh! That was a strange mistake for a printer to make.

Editor—Well, you see, sir, the printer used to live in Albany, and—er—I suppose it comes sort o' natural to him to get such words as solons and saloons mixed up.—N. Y. Weekly.

Nature and Art.

Uncle Ephraim Rayfense—Why, that's a perfect picture of my old hoss! What'll you sell it fur, mister?

Artist (who has been sketching in the neighborhood)—Well, when that painting is finished it will be worth $100, anyhow.

Uncle Ephraim—Ain't there goin' to be nothin' else in it?

Artist—No—nothing but the horse.

Uncle Ephraim—Well, you can't sell it anywher's around here fur no $100. Everybody knows I've offered the hoss himself, time an' agin, fur $15, an' take it out in truck.—Chicago Tribune.

A Man's Impressions.

"Dorothy, I saw a beautiful gown in a shop window to-day."

"What was it, Julius?"

"Well—it was that zigzaggy kind of cloth—and it had those braided things across the front and down the back; and some awful stylish pointed things on the skirt—I wish you would get one just like it."—Brooklyn Life.

Two Views of It.

Willie Strutt was playing with the Timbs boys. His mother called him.

"Willie, don't you know those are bad boys for you to play with?"

"Yes, mother," said Willie, "I know that, but then I am a good boy for them to play with."—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

His Presence of Mind.

"Mr. Updegraff, before I answer your question, allow me to ask you what part of the stewed chicken you prefer?"

"I never eat anything but the dark meat, Miss Primme."

"I will be your wife, Mr. Updegraff."—Chicago Tribune.

Sunday Observances.

Wife—I'd like to know what you go to the club for on Sundays. Are the card-rooms and billiard rooms open on Sunday?

Husband—Oh, no, my dear—no, indeed. We wouldn't think of such desecration. Everything is closed but the bar.—N. Y. Weekly.

One of Many.

"What did that man do to make himself so famous?" asked the inquirer, gazing curiously on an individual who formed the center of a social group.

"To the best of my knowledge," replied the cynic, "he did the public."—Tit-Bits.

A Napoleon of Finance.

"Dickie, what did you do with that dime I gave you for taking your quinine?"

"Why, pa, I bought some lickerish with fi' cents—an' with fi' cents I hired Tommy Budds to take th' quinine."—

Odors.

Violet scent suits many people,
New-mown hay some folks admire.
Give me, as a winter perfume,
Apples roasting by the fire.
—Chicago Record.

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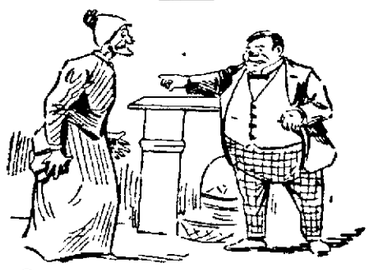

"Do not deny it, Gladys Irene. You were winking at him the whole evening. Are you endeavoring to drive my dishonored head to the protection of the divorce court?"—Ally Sloper.

Dyspepsia.

This life is longing and unrest,
How oft, 'midst epicurean scenes
Are men who wish they could digest
A dish of common pork and beans!
—Washington Star.

For Health's Sake.

"Don't you know it's against the law to pour that water into the milk?" said a passer-by.

"I'm only trying to drown the microbes, sir," said the milkman, with a smile.—Yonkers Statesman.

At Home.

"John, aren't you glad to be at home again?"

"Glad? My dear, even your angel cake tastes heavenly to me."—Detroit Free Press.

In Chicago.

Mrs. Newed—Marriage is a serious matter.

Widow—Yes, and yet so many people enter it without any experience.—Town Topics.

A Slow Thinker.

Cholly—My motto is "Always think before you speak."

Dolly—Don't you find it hard sustaining a conversation and living up to your motto at the same time?—N. Y. Journal.

The Best He Could Do.

"Jenkins wanted a job with light work and regular pay."

"Yes; and he got a job with regular work and light pay."—Puck.

Two Requirements.

She—It requires money to get into society nowadays.

He—Yes; and it requires brains to keep out of it.—N. Y. Truth.

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Time Table in Effect Sept. 25th, 1898.

NORTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	12 Milk	4 Day Exp	6 Chicago Exp	8 Chicago Ltd	10 Local
N. Y. Leave	A M	A M	P M	P M	
Franklin St	8 35	7 40	3 05	5 45	
W. 42d St.	8 35	7 56	3 15	6 15	
Weehawken	4 00	8 10	3 30	6 30	
Cornwall	6 10	9 45	5 05	7 50	
Fitchcliffe	6 28	9 59	5 08		
Orr's Mills	6 30	10 05	5 10		
Little Brit'n	6 40	10 15	5 15		
Burnside	6 56	10 16	5 24		
Campbell H.	7 07	10 32	5 40	8 19	
Stony Ford	7 15	10 37	5 44		
M'town Main St.	7 38	10 48	5 58		
M'town ar	7 40	10 45	6 00	8 36	
M'town lv	8 45	11 05	6 15	8 45	
Winterton	9 10	11 09	6 31		
Bloom'gb'gh	9 21	11 15	6 36		
Wurtsboro	9 26	11 19	6 40		
Summitville	9 38	11 30	6 50		
Ellenville ar	10 05	11 50	7 05		
Fallsburgh	10 32	12 05	7 30		
Hurleyville	10 53	12 18	7 47		
Ferndale	11 15	12 32	7 58		
Liberty	11 30	12 50	7 44	9 56	
Parksville	11 45	12 40	7 58		
L'wgst'n M'r	12 00	12 55	8 09	10 18	
Rockland	12 15	1 08	8 22		
Cadosia	1 30	2 00	P M	10 59	A M
Walton	2 10	2 45		11 38	8 05
Maywood		3 14			8 38
Sidney		3 40		12 15	9 02
N'wich ar		4 05		12 58	9 50
N'wich lv		4 30		1 08	9 54
Castle		5 38		2 10	10 55
Oneida ar		5 57		2 18	9 15
Oneida lv		6 10		2 15	9 20
Fulton		7 39		3 28	10 58
Oswego ar		8 00		3 45	11 20

SOUTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	8 New York Exp	12 Milk	30 Local	14 Del-hi Ex	2 N Y Day Exp	42 Nor wich Exp	8 Sul-liv'n Co Exp
	A M	A M	A M	P M	P M	P M	A M
Oswego lv	11 30				2 45	5	
Oneida ar	12 52				3 45		
Oneida lv	12 59				3 50		
Castle					5 37		
Norwich ar	2 09				6 45	7 15	
Norwich lv	2 14				6 48	7 21	
Sidney	3 05				7 40	11 40	
Maywood					7 58	11 57	
Walton	3 50	12 15			8 30	12 37	
Cadosia	4 20	1 30			9 00	1 20	
Rockland					9 10		8 00
Lwgstn M'r	5 07	5 00			9 35		8 14
Parksville		3 16			9 47		8 25
Liberty	5 26	3 35			9 51		8 36
Ferndale		3 41			10 55		8 41
Hurleyville		4 04			10 06		8 57
Fallsburgh		4 19			10 14		9 04
Centreville		4 40			10 20		9 10
Mount'n D.		4 50			10 35		9 25
Summitville	6 06	5 10			10 45		9 35
Wurtsboro		5 20			10 59		9 48
Bloom'g'bgh		5 28			11 07		9 55
Winterton		5 34			11 13		10 01
M'town ar	6 58	5 55			11 35		10 20
M'town lv	8 48	6 30			11 30		10 10
M'town Main St.		6 38			11 38		10 18
Stony Ford		6 59			11 44		10 25
Campb'll H.		7 16			11 59		10 39
Burnside		7 22			11 57		10 37
Little Brit'n		7 38			12 03		10 43
Orr's Mills		8 08			12 08		10 48
Fitchcliffe		8 10			12 11		10 51
Cornwall	7 22	8 30			12 25		11 05
Weehawken	8 45	10 50			1 50		12 30
New York W. 42d St., N. Y.							
Fkln St ar	9 15	11 30			2 15		12 55
	P M	P M			P M		P M

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Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	8 30	.....	4 10
Jersey City	8 46	.....	4 25
Hackensack	9 14	.....	4 50
Paterson, (Broadway)	9 25	.....	5 02
Paterson	9 29	.....	5 04
Two Bridges	10 55	2 50	6 30
Ogdensburg	11 07	3 06	6 40
Franklin	11 12	3 15	6 46
Hamburg	11 20	3 25	6 54
Deckertown	11 28	3 40	7 03
Quarryville	11 36	3 52	7 10
Unionville	11 44	4 04	7 18
Westtown	11 49	4 15	7 24
Johnson	11 55	4 27	7 29
Slate Hill	12 00	4 37	7 34
Middletown	12 12	4 50	7 45

SOUTH.

	Daily ex Sun a m	Sun a m	Daily p m
Middletown	6 30	7 12	5 04
Slate Hill	6 42	7 27	5 15
Johnson	6 48	7 35	5 21
Westtown	6 53	7 43	5 27
Unionville	6 59	7 55	5 34
Quarryville	7 06	8 07	5 48
Deckertown	7 14	8 30	5 51
Hamburg	7 22	8 46	6 00
Franklin Junction	ff 27	.....	.....
Franklin	7 29	8 56	6 07
Ogdensburg	7 34	9 06	6 12
Two Bridges	7 51	9 27	6 28
Paterson City	9 03	.....	7 45
Paterson (Broadway)	9 05	10 56	7 48
Hackensack	9 16	10 47	8 01
Jersey City	9 38	11 12	8 27
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Leave	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Arrive NEW YORK	6:17	8:00	8:52	9:22	10:37	12:57	3:35	6:42	6:57	7:52	9:52	12:52	9:57	7:52	7:45	7:30	9:15	12:30
Paterson	5:34	6:38	8:12	8:44	10:00	12:15	2:53	6:03	6:20	9:11	12:12	8:23	8:53	7:06	5:54	5:40	7:25	10:22
Turners	4:44		7:18	7:56	9:10	11:26	1:42	4:55	5:36	11:18		8:18	8:15	5:45	5:29	5:08	8:15	11:07
Monroe			7:06	7:40	9:01		1:34	4:45				8:08		5:32	5:21	5:00	8:03	10:50
Greycourt			6:56	7:30	8:51		1:22	4:33				8:00		5:20	5:08	4:50	7:52	10:39
Chester			6:53	7:32	8:47		1:18	4:28				7:52		5:15	5:03	4:45	7:32	10:32
Goshen		4:15	6:40	7:24	8:39		1:10	4:21	5:11	5:55		7:32		5:00	4:51	4:30	7:22	10:15
Middletown		4:04	6:25	7:00	8:33		12:54	4:06	5:00			7:22		4:45	4:38	4:15	7:15	10:00
Howells				7:01			1:10	3:49										
Otisville				6:53			1:18	3:57										
Port Jervis				6:29			1:27	4:06										
Arr. CHICAGO							7:00	9:20										
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Middletown & Crawford Branch—Sunday leave Main St., 11.10 a. m.; leave Main St., Middletown, for Pine Bush at 11:40 a. m., daily, except Sunday; 6:55 p. m. daily.

Montgomery Branch—Leave Goshen for Montgomery at 7:27 a. m., daily except Sunday; 11:20 a. m. daily, except Sunday; 4:54 p. m., daily except Sunday and holidays; 6:31 p. m., holidays only.

Pine Island Branch—Leave Goshen for Pine Island at 11:20 a. m. and 6:35 p. m. daily except Sunday.

Newburgh, via Turners—Leave Turners for Newburgh at 7:35 a. m., daily, except Sunday and holidays; 10:50 a. m., daily, except Sunday only; 9:00 p. m. daily; 10:25 p. m., Sundays. Trains 30 and 2 connects for Newburgh via Arden, instead of Turners.

Newburgh, via Greycourt—Leave Greycourt at 7:45 a. m., daily except Sundays and holidays; 11:10 a. m., daily, except Sunday; 1:26 p. m. daily, except Sundays and holidays; 6:20 p. m., daily except Sunday; 5.37 p. m., Sundays only.

Trains Nos. 6, 11, 15, 16, 21, 23, 25, 26, 29, 34, 35 and Sunday Specials 601, 606, 625 stop at Main street, Middletown.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No To Bac, the wonder worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or $1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

ON GOSHEN'S SPEEDWAY.

Scenes That Stir the Blood in Every Lover of Horseflesh—As Fine a Lot of Horses as Ever Speeded on the Snow—Some of the Fast Horses and Showy Turnouts Seen by an Argus Reporter, Thursday Afternoon.

Goshen's grand galaxy of horsemen has thoroughly enjoyed the sleighing of the past week and the speedway at the county seat has been very lively. The very fastest horses from the Harriman, McCarty and Tuthill stables are exercised in the morning, while the afternoon brings out another good lot of horses, those who ride for pleasure, and ladies, warmly bundled, in very smart sleighs drawn by restless horses.

The morning's fun begins about 9 o'clock and lasts until noon. Robbins, of Harriman's stable, Dickinson, who has made Geer hustle for record-making, Gurney, Platt, Ira Ryerson and the others have many rattling good brushes.

The Orange Hotel windows were full of interested watchers, Thursday, when an ARGUS man took in the afternoon show. As luck would have it the speedway was not half thronged, but there were enough out to make a visit pleasurable.

Mrs. William P. Thompson and Mrs. McCarty had a very showy turnout, made up, some one said, from the Thompson stable and that of the ex-Senator. Thomas Mould and three ladies seemed content in a very attractive sleigh drawn by a pair which the horsemen would look at twice.

Mr. Foote drove a colt by Kentucky Prince, formerly owned by Henry Miller, for which a bright future is predicted. Trainer Robbins jogged a mighty good-looking black mare and the talent recognized her as Roseleaf, 2:13, who was third in the race when Bush gave the Goshen track a record of 2:11, since lowered by John R. Gentry. Dickinson drove a bright, clean-gaited and intelligent appearing colt, but none at hand could give its breeding. Trainer Andrews showed a colt by Island Wilkes, which will surely make a winner for her owner. I. B Gurney chirruped happily to a two-year-old, which had the characteristics of the Wilkes family.

Some of the interested onlookers remarked that Susie T., one of Capt Tuthill's stock, driven by Ira Ryerson, was about as pretty a piece of horse flesh as there was shown, but Captain and Mrs. Tuthill drove a snappy roan gelding, B. B., which was about as stylish as any horse on the street during the afternoon.

Thomas Nolan, the well known trainer, drove a striking pair, one by Patchen Wilkes, sire of the famous Joe Patchen, and the other by Bingen, who has a mark of 2:06¼. James Platt skipped along at a 2:30 clip behind a bay horse, which has a mark of 2:25. W. P. Thompson and Miss Thompson took the breath away from some of the fastest, when he let his team out. They took the stretch at a 2:30 gait handily. Louis Hulse also showed spurts at a 2:30 gait with his Antonio mare.

County Clerk Taggart, whose window commands a grand view of the stretch, much to that gentleman's discomfort, when spurts and business are both demanding his attention, states that a finer display of horses is not offered on New York's speedway than that to be seen at Goshen nowadays.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The New Officers of Middletown Lodge I. O. O. F. Formally Installed.

The recently elected and the appointed officers of Middletown Lodge, No. 112, I. O. O. F., were installed, Thursday night, by Acting District Deputy Grand Master Fred R. Parsells, assisted by the following acting grand officers:

G. M.—J. N. Northrup.
G. W.—T. W. Davey.
G. S.—L. H. Billings.
G. T. S.—Ira S. Clauson.

The officers for 1899 are:

N. G.—Duncan Ross.
V. G.—J. J. Chambers.
Sec.—J. M. Hanford.
T. S.—Robt. Lawrence.
Treas.—T. A. March.
Warden—H. C. Waters.
Con.—J. J. Wood.
I. G.—J. Hirst.
O. G.—J. Miles.
R. S. of N. G.—O Murray.
L. S. of N. G.—T. Kipp.
R. S. of V. G.—J. A. Ketcham.
L. S. of V. G.—T. F. Walsh.
R. S. S.—L. H. Billings.
L. S. S.—W. Bunting.
Trustee—J. Hirst.
Finance Committee—W. B. Miller, F. R. Parnell, O. Murray.
Cor. Committee—Robert Lawrence, E. B. Quick, J. N. Northrup.

A Great Musical Event.

Mme Alceste Goerka, the famous prima donna soprano, and M. Stangl-Coccejo, Hungarian violinist, will appear at the Bradnack music house, next Tuesday evening, Jan. 17th, in a selected musicale. Owing to a lack of rooms, with suitable acoustics, Mr. Bradnack has permitted the use of his store, at 65 North street, where reserved seats are now on sale at 35 and 50 cents. This musicale is under the patronage of the leading people of the city, and promises to be the musical event of the season. 1t

Red Hot From the Gun

Was the ball that hit G. B. Steadman, of Newark, Mich., in the Civil War. It caused horrible ulcers that no treatment helped for twenty years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Cures Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Boils, Felons, Corns, Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. 25 cents a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by J. J. Chambers, Druggist, 57 North street, near post office.

Takes the burn out; heals the wound: cures the pain. Dr. Thomas's Electric Oil, the household remedy.

THE SECRET OF A GOOD DISPOSITION.

Mrs. Pinkham Says a Careful Regard for Bodily Health Makes Women Sweet and Attractive to All.

The world is filled with sweet women who are held back from usefulness by some trouble of the female organs.

Fretfulness and nervousness rapidly destroy sweet dispositions.

Sickly all-worn-out women cannot live happy lives. Nearly every woman may be well and happy if she will follow Mrs. Pinkham's advice. See what Mrs. Craig says:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and think it is the best medicine for women in the world. I was so weak and nervous that I thought I could not live from one day to the next. I had prolapsus uteri and leucorrhœa, and thought that I would die. I had dragging pains in my back, burning sensation down to my feet, and so many miserable feelings. People said that I looked like a dead woman. Doctors tried to cure me, but failed. I had given up when I heard of the Pinkham medicine. I got a bottle. I did not have much faith in it, but thought I would try it, and it made a new woman of me. I wish I could get every lady in the land to try it, for it did for me what doctors could not do."
—Mrs. SALLIE CRAIG, Baker's Landing, Pa.

That Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is a safeguard of woman's health is clearly proven by the thousands of letters constantly being received. Here is one from Mrs. W. P. VALENTINE, 566 Ferry Ave., Camden, N. J.:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Before writing to you I felt very bad, had terrible sick headaches, no appetite, gnawing pain in stomach, pain in my back and right side; was tired and nervous, and so weak I could scarcely stand. I was not able to do anything, had sharp pains all through my body. Before I had taken half a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, I found myself improving. I continued its use until I had taken four bottles, and felt so well that I did not need to take any more. I am like a new person."

Ask Mrs. Pinkham's Advice—A Woman Best understands a Woman's Ills

FOR THE MISSION CAUSE.

Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church

The regular monthly meeting of the Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church was held at the home of Mrs. Rowland, on Academy avenue. There was a large number of ladies present and a most interesting programme was given.

After singing "More Love to Thee," Mrs. Wm. Dunning read a selection from the scriptures, and prayers were offered by Mrs. David Winters.

A story, entitled "Aunt Sally's Bag," was read by Mrs. Rowland. A paper on "Our Country" was given by Mrs. John A Thompson. A sketch of the life and work of "Titus Coan" was read by Miss Katherine Dunning. "The Philippines" was the subject taken up by Mrs. J. A. Beakes, who treated it in an interesting and instructive manner. After singing "One More Day's Work for Jesus" the meeting closed.

During the social hour, which followed, refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by the committee in charge, while music from a phonograph entertained the company.

Hillside Cemetery Corporation's Officers

The directors of Hillside Cemetery Corporation met, Thursday night, and re-elected the old officers, as follows:

President—Ira L Case.
Vice President—John E. Iseman.
Secretary—James G. Harding.
Treasurer—George E. Beakes.
Committee of Supervision—James A. Clark, J. A. Howell, George Smith.

Jubilee Singers at Faith Mission.

The original South Carolina jubilee singers will sing at the evangelistic services at Faith Mission, Sunday afternoon. Come out and hear these sweet voiced singers from the sunny south. Everybody welcome; come early if you want a good seat.

Your Best Interests.

Will be served by making sure of health. It will be a loss of time and money to be stricken with sericus illness. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla and purify your blood. In this way all germs of disease will be expelled, sickness and suffering will be avoided and your health will be preserved. Isn't this a wise course?

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Price 25 cents.

All pain banished by Dr. Miles' Pain Pills

MARRIED.

HALSTEAD—HALSTEAD—At Newark, N. J., Dec. 25th, '98, Fred Darwin Halstead, of Newark, and Lillian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Halstead, of Goshen.

MORFORD—VAIL—At Warwick, Jan. 10th, '99, by Rev. C. L. Steel, H. C. K. Morford, of New York city, and Cora C., daughter of B. F. Vail, of Warwick.

CUNNINGHAM—REED—At Wurtsboro, Jan. 10, '99, by Rev. Samuel T. Clifton, Roscoe H. Cunningham and Phebe J. Reed, both of Wurtsboro.

DIED.

MAPES—At rest, near Highland Lake, at residence of Mrs. Frances Cairns, Jan. 12th, '99, Wm. S. Mapes, in his seventy-first year.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon, at one-thirty o'clock, at the Congregational Church at Howells. Interment in family plot at Howells Cemetery.

MILLER—Entered into rest, Jan. 11th, '99, in this city, Amily DeMont, widow of the late Elijah Miller, in her eighty-sixth year.

Funeral private this (Friday) evening, at seven-thirty o'clock, from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Ada M. Bodle, No 23 Broad street. Interment in family plot, at Auburn, N. Y., on Saturday.

DOUGLAS—At Mount Hope, Jan. 13th, '99, James Douglas, aged eighty-two years

Funeral private Sunday, at eleven o'clock. Interment in family plot, at Howells.

Dr. Bull's COUGH SYRUP
Will cure Croup without fail.
The best remedy for whooping-cough. Doses small. Price 25 cts. at druggists.

SHOT HIMSELF IN THE NECK.

A Port Jervis Boy Killed by the Accidental Discharge of a Revolver He Was Handling.

Walter McPeck, seventeen years old and an employe of the Knickerbocker silver plating works in Port Jervis, was handling a revolver, Thursday, in John Hess's shoe shop in that village, when he pointed it toward his neck, saying "What's the use in being afraid of it?" Scarcely had the words left his lips than in some unknown way the weapon was discharged and the bullet entered his neck just below the ear.

A physician was summoned with all haste, but he could do nothing for the wounded boy who died in a few minutes.

Many Cases of Grip at Westbrookville

Grip is very prevalent at Westbrookville. There is scarcely a house in the village in which there are not several cases, and in some families every member is sick.

ONE CENT A WORD
for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

TWO Store Rooms, also living rooms for rent. 48dtf Enquire of HOUSTON BROS.

YOU'D Hardly Think It—One Pint Tin Cups at one cent each until sold at DAYTON'S.

CROSBY Bought an agent's sample of handkerchiefs, tray cloths, doylies and bibs at 50c on the dollar. The customers will get the benefit of this buy all day Saturday, Jan. 14th.

GIRL Wanted for housework in small family. Apply ARGUS office, to-day. 46dtf

NEW Goods at CROSBY'S, 19 West Main St., Saturday morning—A full line of Battenburg braid, rings and thread. Mrs. C. P. Clark's old stand.

GUARANTEED Strictly Fresh Eggs 25c dozen while they last at TODD'S. 1t

GET Your Salt Hay, for ice packing, from WOOD & HORTON, 69 West Main St. 51dtf

LOST—Last night, on Washington street, a silver watch. Reward if returned to this office. 1t

TO LET—Nice Cottage on Harrison street seven rooms, all modern improvements. 51dtf Enquire of F. D. YOUNGBLOOD.

THIS Week Only—50 clothes pins, 50 feet of clothes line and 5 cakes of Morgan's good Laundry soap for 19c at DAYTON'S.

COAL! FORTY carloads sold in thirty days. Low prices still continue at VANFLEET'S.

FOR SALE—Handsome new cottage on Albert street, nine rooms, hot air, all modern improvements. 50dtf BULL & YOUNGBLOOD.

ANOTHER Special in Writing Paper. All 25c boxes for 16c, this week, at DAYTON'S.

QUININE Pills 5c a dozen, 30c a hundred. Now supply at CHAMBERS', Pharmacy, 57 North St.

ROOMS TO LET—Six rooms, modern improvements. Enquire 31 Myrtle avenue.

WILL Exchange city residences for small farm near Middletown. Address EXCHANGE, Box 211, Middletown.

GOOD MUSLIN SIGNS, SENT POSTPAID. Hand painted in oil colors, 1x9, 1½x6, 2x4½ or 3x8 feet, 50c; or 1x18, 1½x12, 2x9 or 3x6 feet, $1. HARDING'S SIGNERY, Wurtsboro, N. Y.

LEWIS WOOD, Auctioneer. Merchandise a specialty. 138 North street. Wed, Satf

FOR RENT Cheap until spring. Four rooms first floor, well and cistern. 100 Richmond Terrace. EDWIN S. MERRILL, Atty., Room 8 Times Building.

DR. AYRES' Pectoral Plasters are splendid for a cough. Applied to the chest, relief and a cure promptly follows. Sold at CHAMBERS' Pharmacy, 57 North St, near postoffice.

TANSY, Pennyroyal and Cotton Root Pills, the ladies' friend. Safe, prompt, sure Agency at CHAMBERS' Pharmacy, 57 North St., near postoffice.

I WILL Exchange "Locksley Hall" with the farm of ten acres all lying in the city limits, for a house and lot centrally located, or will trade it for good rentable property. Rare opportunity to quick dealer. 2 dtf HORACE W COREY.

BARGAINS AT The Manhattan Market, NO. 148 NORTH STREET.

Plate Roasts of Beef..... 8 cents a pound
Sirloin Steak..... 16 cents a pound
Beef Steak..... 10c a pound, 3 pounds 25c
Leg of Lamb..... 12½c a pound
Home-made Bologna, Frankfurters, Liver Wurst and Head Cheese.....
Sauer Kraut..... 10c a quart
Oysters and Clams.....
G. A. BEHME, H. ERMSHAR, Proprietors. 19dly Dec'98

Advertised Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the Middletown postoffice for the week ending Jan. 9th:

LADIES.

Brown, Mrs. C. W.	Horton, Mrs. C. E.
Babcock, Miss Mary	Lockwood Mrs. Ira
Clark, Mrs. Mary E.	Middleton, Mrs. W.
Carr, Miss Martha D.	Miller, Mrs. Allen
Creighton, Louisa	Morty, Miss May
Godfrey, Mrs A. W.	Potter, Mrs. Ruth
Ketchem, Miss Josephine	Richardson, Miss Annie
care Mrs. T. A. Ketchem	Stafford, Miss Minnie

GENTLEMEN.

Condert, Dr. and Mrs. Frank C.	Spear, Joseph
	Spick, Wm.
Jenkins, Rev. C. B.	Schaur, Jerry
Jones, Arthur	Silvernail, John
Lidding, Mers	Skinner, L. W.
Morton, C. A.	Thompson, Albert
Orange Co. Celery Co.	VanAvsen, Harvey W.

PACKAGES.

Holbrook, Miss Myra C. Howell, Minnie

B. S. DAYTON, P. M.

Strange Coincidence as to Birthdays.

From the Branchville Times.

There is a family in this vicinity consisting of father, mother, a daughter and two sons. The mother's and daughter's birthdays fall on the same day, and the two sons' birthdays also come on the same day. Three years ago the mother was just twice as old as her daughter and the oldest son was twice as old as his younger brother.

Port Jervis "Ladies" in a Wrangle.

The Port Jervis *Gazette* says that two "well known young ladies" of that village got into an argument in a dry goods store, Thursday, over a piece of goods that both wished to purchase, and the discussion grew so heated that it was necessary to call in the police to quiet the disturbance.

When doctors fail try Burdock Blood Bitters. Cures dyspepsia, constipation; invigorates the whole system.

Programme This Week at Cottage Theatre, Mechanictown.

Miss Gertie Marten, ballad singer; Miss May Wood song and dance; Charlie Jones, baritone; Miss Maud Earle soubrette.

Dance Thursday night. Amateur Night, Saturday night.

HONEY—Pure extracted five-pound pail, delivered, C. O. D. for 50 cents. Order by phone or postal. CHESTER BELDING, dTu,Frtf Cottage street, city.

WANTED—Case of bad health that R-I-P-A-N-S will not benefit. Send 5 cents to Ripans Chemical Co., New York, for 10 samples and 1,000 testimonials. 99dlyJly14'99

$4.25 A BARREL
IN WOOD BARRELS FOR
Washburn, Crosby & Co.'s Gold Medal or Superlative Flour.

5 CTS. A POUND FOR GRANULATED SUGAR.

C. N. PREDMORE & SON.
Hudson River Telephone No. 5.
Orange County Telephone No. 88.

Great Chattel Mortgage Sale,
BEGINNING TO-MORROW, AT THE
Children's Bazaar,

116 NORTH STREET. Everything less than cost prices. Millinery, muslin underwear, white and colored aprons and everything in children's wear. Dolls and doll clothes, toys and fancy articles, books, school supplies and stationery, ladies' and children's underwear, children's hand-made night shirts and drawers, children's hand-made dresses and cloaks, paper and envelopes, pens and inks, also a large assortment of school pads, a fine line of ladies' and misses' fancy work baskets. As a sample of prices, slates reduced as follows: Old prices 18c., now 10c; 15c for 8c; 13c for 5c. JOHN FERGUSON,
49dtf Mortgagee's Agent.

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

State and County Taxes

Notice is hereby given, as required by statute, to the taxable inhabitants of the city of Middletown, N. Y., that the undersigned Collector of Taxes, in and for said city, has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of State and County Taxes for the current year, and will attend at the City Clerk's office, Room No. 2, Times Building, corner of King and Center streets, on each working day of the week excepting Saturday afternoons and Dec. 26th, 1898, and Jan. 2d, 1899, for 30 days from the date hereof, from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 4 o'clock in the afternoon of each said day for the purpose of receiving the taxes assessed upon such roll.

I. S. A. TAYLOR, Collector.
Dated December 15th, 1898. 47dtf

THE Undersigned, in pursuance of an order of the County Court of the county of Orange, will offer for sale and sell at public auction, at the office of Vanamee & Vail, attorneys at law, No. 4 East Main street, Middletown, Orange county, N. Y., on the 17th day of January, 1899, at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, all the uncollected and disputed book accounts and bills receivable, which came into his possession as assignee of Perriman & Simpson, under a general assignment for the benefit of creditors

CHARLES L. ELWOOD, as assignee of Perriman & Simpson.
Dated January 12th, 1899
VANAMEE, WATTS & VAIL, Attys for assignee. 1td

$4.25 a Barrel
FOR
Washburn, Crosby & Co.'s Gold Medal Flour,
IN WOOD, TILL JANUARY 14th.

SLOAT'S CASH STORE.

WE INVITE!

Your attention to our stock of California, Oregon and Washington Prunes. We have some of the finest brands in assorted sizes. Choice quality Molasses Syrups, Maple Syrup and White Comb Honey.

MAPES BROS.,
Grocers, West Main St., Corner Mill.
Telephone 136.

SPECIAL Prices on Velvet Hats and Bonnets—Velvet Hats and Bonnets that have been $1.50 $2 and $2.50 we will sell now for 98c., $1.48 and $1.85. You can select from our stock of ready-made velvet hats, or we will make to order any style you may select at the same low prices; also 5 doz. felt hats, black and colors, that were 50 to 85c., your choice now at 25c.
MRS. BUSH, 144 North street.

BUSINESS CARDS.

JOHN DONOVAN, Undertaker and Embalmer, 194 North street. Fine coaches for hire. Telephone 15. Lady assistant. Open day and night.

I. D. OSTERHOUT, Undertaker and Embalmer 44 James St., Middletown, N. Y. Orange County Telephone—188 residence, 203 office. Hudson River or long distance telephone—No. 231. Branch office—49 Myrtle Ave., Brooklyn. 48 Great James St., New York. Lady Assistant.

DOUGHERTY & CAREY, Undertakers and Embalmers, 69 Cottage street, Middletown. Telephone 42, night and day. New York office, 58 Great Jones street. Also long distance telephone. Lady assistant.

FRED O. ROCKAFELLOW, Funeral Director and Embalmer, 99 North street. Telephone No. 3. Lady assistant. New York office 154 East 23d street, with H. E. Taylor & Co.

KNAPP & MERRITT, Undertakers and Embalmers, 42 West Main street, corner Jansen, Middletown, N. Y. 50 Great Jones St., New York city. Lady assistant. Telephone Call No. 19.

Our Annual January Sale of Muslin Underwear!

4,392 pieces of Muslin Underwear in this Great January Offering. Successful storekeeping does not mean gigantic profit; it means doing business continually, constantly selling seasonable goods at such small profits. This is the argument for the thousands of pieces we offer you and you reap the benefit of our close buying No woman can afford to miss this great sale. We advise all our customers to come early while the assortment and sizes are unbroken.

Corset Covers.

252 plain Corset Covers in cambric or fine muslin, sizes 32 to 40; 9c each.

288 Muslin and Cambric Corset Covers, cut V and square shape, trimmed with embroidery, 15c.

240 Corset Covers, made from fine muslin or cambric, trimmed with wide Hamburg, sizes 32 to 38; 19c.

480 Corset Covers in a great variety of styles. You will wonder how they can be made at the price; as long as they last 25c.

360 fine Corset Covers, all handsomely trimmed, mostly blouse shape or new French shape; as long as they last 48c.

Short Skirts.

Six different styles, made plain, tucked and trimmed, with lace or embroidery. For this lot, 29, 34, 48, 69c.

Gowns

10 dozen plain Muslin Gowns, nicely made and full size; as long as they last 39c.

24 dozen Gowns, six different styles in this lot, all nicely trimmed and full sized. Be sure and get your share, 49c.

12 dozen Gowns, made from extra heavy cotton, some plain, others trimmed; great values for the prices, 59 and 69c.

31 dozen Ladies' Gowns, some trimmed with lace, others trimmed with embroidery and insertion. Must be seen to be appreciated. You will wonder how the trimmings could be bought at the prices, 79, 89, 98c, $1.19, $1.48.

White Skirts.

Ten different styles in this great assortment, made from fine muslin, all umbrella shape, at 39, 49, 79, 89, 98c, $1.19, $1.39, $1.48.

Drawers.

240 pairs Muslin Drawers, made from good muslin, with extra wide ruffle tucked, 19c pair.

240 pair fine Muslin Drawers, could not be better made, with extra wide ruffle of cambric, hemstitched; 25c pair.

120 pair Umbrella Drawers, trimmed with fine embroidery; while they last 29c pair.

120 pair fine Umbrella Drawers, made from fine cambric, trimmed with lace and insertion; for this sale 39c.

Fine Umbrella Drawers, made from fine muslin or cambric, handsomely trimmed, in a great variety of styles, 49c.

Outing Underwear.

Ladies' Gowns, Ladies' Short Skirts, Men's Night Shirts and Children's Gowns and Night Drawers at our special low prices.

Our Annual January Sale of Housekeeping Goods!

This is the time of the year every good housekeeper lays in her stock of Housekeeping Goods By watching the market and buying and selling for spot cash, we are able to offer you goods that every one who needs such goods can afford to buy their whole year's supply at this Great January Offering We quote a few of the many bargains we have that will pay you to come miles to get rather than miss the chance of getting your share

Table Linen.

25 pieces for this great sale, the way the linen market is about the wholesale prices.

58 inch half-bleached Table Linen, cost more to import; as long as they last 25c.

58 inch bleached Table Damask, not one thread of linen in it, but great goods to wear, 25c yard.

72 inch bleached Union Table Linen, only one pattern in this 5 piece lot, but a bargain, 40c yard.

72 inch, all linen, bleached Table Damask, the best value that will be shown by any firm this year, 50c yard.

Sheets and Pillow Cases.

5-4 Bleached Hemstitched Pillow Cases made from yard cotton, 10c.

5-4 Bleached Pillow Cases, no better cotton made, finished with beading, washed and ironed, 12c or $1.25 dozen.

8-4 and 9-4 Bleached Sheets, made from fine cotton, all washed and ironed, 35 and 40c each.

Towels.

Hotels and barbers ought to take advantage of the great offering sale as well as housekeepers.

25 dozen Union Linen Towels, sizes 13x25, 7c each or 75c dozen.

15 dozen all Linen Huck Towels, size 19x30, 10c each.

15 dozen extra heavy unbleached Bath Towels, as long as they last, 10c, size 19x36.

50 dozen all Linen Towels, extra large and heavy, three different styles, 15c each.

25 dozen Fancy Towels, all pure linen in eight different kinds, fringed and hemstitched, as long as they last, 19 to 25c.

Men's White Shirts.

25 dozen Men's 69c Night Shirts made from the very best cotton and trimmed with finishing braid, as long as they last 50c.

25 dozen Men's White Dress Shirts, sold as the Davis Special, made with a split neck band, felled seams, cut full size and perfect fitting, as long as they last, 50c.

Bed Spread.

White Bed Spreads bought in October and held for this great January sale. There are three kinds, all hemmed, ready for use. Come and see them and you will feel that you should at least buy one-half dozen.

150 10-4 White Spread, all hemmed, ready for use, well worth 69c, at 49c.

128 11-4 $1 White Spread, all hemmed, ready for use, for this sale 75c.

56 11-4, extra heavy $1.50 White Quilts, one of the best values ever shown by any firm, $1.19.

Domestics.

Extra heavy unbleached cotton, full yard wide, 5c yard.

Fine yard wide Bleached Muslin, nameless, but one of the best made, 5c.

9-4 Bleached Sheeting, five pieces in this lot, as long as it lasts, 15c yard.

Fine Wool Blankets, extra size, silk bound, $3.98 pair.

Fine Comfortables, filled with white batten, as good as homemade, $1.39, $1.48.

240 Flannelette Wrappers, made in one style, in eight different colorings, bound seams, well worth $1; for this great JANUARY SALE 79c. Sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40.

HART DAVIS, NO. 45 NORTH STREET.

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